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**MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**THE SYNOD**  
**OF**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA**  
**AT THEIR SESSIONS**  
**IN AUGUSTA, GEO.**  
*December 1834.*  
**AND**  
**IN COLUMBIA, S. C.**  
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**WITH**  
**AN APPENDIX.**

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# SYNOD

## OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

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AUGUSTA, Thursday, Dec. 4th, 1834, }  
11 o'clock A.M. }

The Synod of South-Carolina and Georgia met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Leland, from John 18th, 38th—"What is truth?"

The Moderator still being absent, the former Moderator, Rev. Dr. Church, took the chair. Constituted with prayer.

### PRESENT.

#### *Presbytery of South-Carolina.*

MINISTERS.—Moses Waddel, D. D.; Hugh Dickson; Isaac W. Waddel; D. Humphrys; A. W. Ross; Wm. Carlile; S. B. Lewers.

ELDER.—J. S. Reid, Lebanon Church.

#### *Presbytery of Hopewell.*

MINISTERS.—Henry Reid; S. K. Talmage; Alonzo Church, D. D.; Nathan Hoyt; Rt. McAlpin; Henry Safford; S. S. Davis; H. C. Carter; S. J. Cassels; Wm. Quillin; J. W. Reid.

ELDERS.—Wm. J. Hobby, Augusta; Rt. Fleming, Lincoln; James Toole; Bethel; Z. Williams, Mount Olivet; A. Pond, Lexington; L. Weems, Washington.

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*Presbytery of Harmony.*

MINISTERS.—Thos. Goulding, D. D. ; Rt. Means ;  
Rt. W. James ; R. W. Bailey.

ELDER.—G. T. Snowden, Columbia.

*Presbytery of Charleston Union.*

MINISTERS.—A. W. Leland, D. D. ; W. A. McDowell, D. D. ; B. Gildersleeve ; Wm. S. Lee ; Thos. Smith ; J. A. Mitchell ; J. F. Lanneau ; E. T. Buist ; John Dickson.

ELDERS.—Thos. R. Vardell, of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston ; Saml. Clark, of Beech Island Church ; David Campbell, of Walterborough.

*Presbytery of Georgia.*

MINISTERS.—C. C. Jones ; B. Burroughs.

*Presbytery of Bethel.*

ELDER.—James McAliley.

*Presbytery of Good Hope.*

MINISTERS.—R. Chamberlain ; E. Holt ; J. S. Wilson ; J. C. Patterson ; Thomas F. Scott.

ELDER—Washington Poe, Macon.

## ABSENT.

*Presbytery of South-Carolina.*

Saml. Davis ; Wm. H. Barr, D. D. ; Benjamin D. Dupree ; John B. Kennedy ; J. L. Kennedy.

*Presbytery of Hopewell.*

Ed. Pharr ; J. Brown, D. D. ; J. Harrison ; C. P. Boman.

*Presbyterian of Harmony.*

George Reid ; John Harrington ; John McFarland ;  
Chs. Le Roy Boyd ; Thos. R. English ; Urias Powers ;  
Wm. Brearly ; R. B. Campbell ; J. Boggs ; J. Witherspoon ; J. Cousar ; J. Leighton Wilson.

*Presbytery of Charleston Union.*

B. M. Palmer, D. D. ; Elipha White ; Edward Palmer ; Adam Gilchrist ; Arthur Buist ; Z. Rogers ; John B. Van Dyke ; George W. Boggs ; John B. Adger ; J. L. Merrick.

*Presbytery of Georgia.*

Rt. Quarterman ; Wm. McWhir, D. D. ; N. A. Pratt ; D. M. Winston ; H. S. Pratt ; H. F. Blodgett ; Daniel Baker ; J. C. Stiles ; James Olcott ; Lawson B. Clinton ; Constantine Blodgett, E. H. Snowden.

*Presbytery of Bethel.*

Rt. B. Walker ; J. S. Adams ; A. Williams ; C. Johnston ; J. B. Davies ; J. L. R. Davies ; J. B. Stafford ; W. B. Davies ; Jephtha Harrison.

*Presbytery of Good Hope.*

James Gamble ; J. Y. Alexander ; Wm. K. Patton ; John Baker ; Wm. B. Richards.

Rev. N. Hoyt, was chosen Moderator ; and Rev. B. Gildersleeve, Temporary Clerk.

Synod then had a recess to meet in the Lecture Room of this Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Three O'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Present as in the morning, together with L. B. Clinton, H. S. Pratt, R. Quarterman, and John Witherspoon, Ministers ; and R. Cunningham,

Elder of the Church at Liberty Spring, South-Carolina Presbytery, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

Rev. Mr. Elijah M. Eagleton, of the Synod of Tennessee, and the Rev. Wm. Chester, of the Synod of Virginia, being present were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees :

On Bills and Overtures.—Dr. Leland, D. Humphry, S. J. Cassels, Mr. James, J. C. Patterson, Rt. Quarterman, Ministers ; W. Poe, and T. R. Vardell, Elders.

On Arrangements for Preaching during the Session.—Mr. Talmage, Mr. Hoyt, and Mr. Hobby.

On the Minutes of South-Carolina Presbytery.—Mr. Stott, Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Vardell.

On the Minutes of Hopewell Presbytery.—Mr. Chamberlain, Dr. Goulding and Mr. Poe.

On the Minutes of the Presbytery of Harmony.—Messrs. Humphrys, Mitchell and Williams.

On the Minutes of the Charleston Union Presbytery.—Dr. Waddel, Mr. Hoyt, and Mr. McAliley.

On the Minutes of the Presbytery of Bethel.—Mr. Carlile, J. Dickson, and Mr. Clark.

On the Minutes of the Presbytery of Good Hope.—Mr. Ross, Mr. E. T. Buist, and Mr. Fleming.

On the Minutes of the Presbytery of Georgia.—Hugh Dickson, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Toole.

On Arrangements for Devotional Exercises in this Body, to be held to-morrow according to standing Rule.—Dr. Waddel, Mr. Hugh Dickson, and Dr. Leland.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, to hear reports on the State of Religion, and Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Means, Mr. Holt, and Mr. J. A. Mitchell, were appointed a Committee to take notes and prepare a Narrative to be submitted to the Synod.



It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear Presbyterial Reports.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures were directed to meet this evening, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, and afterwards on their own adjournments. Concluded with prayer.

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*Friday Morning, Dec. 5—9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer—Present as last evening, together with Rev. Wm. Brearly, whose excuse for not coming sooner was sustained.

Mr. Armstrong, of the Synod of Virginia, being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent.

Dr. Goulding, Messrs. Witherspoon, Rt. Cunningham, and J. S. Reid, were appointed a Judicial Committee.

An appeal from the decision of the Bethel Presbytery, was presented, and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Letters were received from Rev. J. L. Kennedy, Rev. E. White, and Rev. Richard B. Cater, assigning reasons for their absence, which were sustained; and that part of the letter of Mr. Cater, which referred to the Act and Testimony, was committed to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The order of the day being called for, (viz.) to receive Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries:

Written Reports were received from the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Hopewell, Charleston Union, Bethel, and Good Hope; and verbal Reports from the Presbyteries of Harmony and Georgia.

From the Report of the Presbytery of South Carolina, it appears that they consist of 14 Ministers, and 37 Churches; and that they had licenced one probationer for the Ministry, who had departed this life.

From the Report of the Presbytery of Hopewell, it appears that they consist of 29 Ministers, and 37 Churches, and have 7 candidates for the Ministry under their care; that the Rev. S. S. Davis has been received from the Harmony Presbytery; and that Mr. C. W. How-

ard, a licentiate of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia, has been received under their care, and ordained and installed over the Church at Milledgeville; that they have received the Rev. Thos. P. C. Shelman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; that they have ordained Rev. Theodore M. Dwight *sine Titulo*; and have received Rev. Saml. P. Pressley from the Associate Reformed Church.

Charleston Union Presbytery report that they consist of 19 Ministers and 7 Churches, and have 7 Licentiates under their care; that they have ordained J. B. Adger, and J. L. Merrick as foreign Missionaries, and James Lewers, on a call to an Independent Church.

Good Hope Presbytery reported that they consist of 11 Ministers, and 21 Churches; and have two Licentiate and three candidates for the Ministry under their care; that the Rev. John Baker had departed this life; and that they have dissolved the Pastoral connection between the Rev. E. Holt, and the Church at Macon.

The Presbytery of Bethel report, that they consist of 11 Members and 19 Congregations, and have 3 candidates under their care; that they have received from the Presbytery of Harmony the Rev. Jephtha Harrison; and received under their care Pierpont E. Bishop, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of West Hanover; that they have ordained Rev. J. M. H. Adams, and Pierpont E. Bishop, as Evangelists; and that they have dismissed the Rev. Jas. B. Stafford, to join the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Verbal reports were received from the other Presbyteries, by which it appears that the Presbytery of Georgia has dismissed the Rev. L. B. Clinton, to join the Presbytery of Hopewell—and that the Presbytery of Harmony have deposed Mr. John Rennie, from the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. James Lewers, Rev. S. P. Pressley, Rev. T. M. Dwight, Rev. E. W. Howard, and Rev. J. M. H. Adams being present, took their seats as members.

Ordered, that the Presbyteries which have not presented a written report, prepare such reports, and transmit them to the Stated Clerk of Synod.



A communication from the Synod of North Carolina, on the destitution of Theological Students in our Churches, was received, and referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Church, Mr. James, S. B. Lewers, Mr. Snowden, and Mr. Pee.

A communication from the Synod of North Carolina, on the subjects of the Religious instruction of the colored population, was read and referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Means, Quarterman, Jones, Clinton, Ministers; and Messrs. Cunningham, Clark, Weems, and Vardell, Elders.

In accordance with a standing rule, Synod, at 11 o'clock, engaged in devotional exercises, consisting of reading the Scriptures, singing, prayer, and exhortation. The exercises were peculiarly appropriate, and a deep and increasing solemnity seemed to pervade every member of the body to the close of these exercises.

Rev. Thos. Alexander, Rev. Geo. Howe, Rev. J. B. Davies, Rev. J. L. R. Davies, and Mr. Hugh White, Elder from Catholic Church, Bethel Presbytery; and Joseph Bryan, Elder from Mount Zion Church, Hopewell Presbytery, being present, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for their delay, took their seats.

Synod then had a recess, to give the Southern Board of Foreign Missions an opportunity of meeting.

After the meeting of the Board, the Moderator resumed his seat, and the Synod was called to order.

Synod then had a recess until half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

### *Half past 3 o'clock.*

Synod met, and proceeded to the order of the day, viz: to hear reports on the state of Religion.

Charleston Union, Good Hope, and South Carolina, presented written Reports, which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

Ordered that those Presbyteries which have not reported, present their Reports to-morrow morning.

A communication was received and read from a Committee of the Congregation at Columbus, in reference to releasing Rev. Dr. Goulding from his connexion with the Theological Seminary, with the view to his becoming their Pastor, which was referred to Mr. Humphrys, Dr. Waddel, and Mr. Patterson.

Mr. James Lemon, Elder from the church at Decatur, and R. K Hines, Elder from the church at Milledgeville, appeared and took their seats.

A Committee, consisting of C. C. Jones, S. J. Cassels, Jos. Bryan, G. T. Snowden, and Saml. Clark, were appointed to devise ways and means for paying for printing the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to elect persons to supply the place of those members of the Board of Foreign Missions, whose term of office expires at this meeting of Synod—And Mr. Smith, Mr. Brearley, and Mr. Williams, were appointed a Committee of nomination.

The Judicial Committee presented their report on an appeal from a decision of Bethel Presbytery, stating that the papers were in order, and recommended that the parties be heard. This was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Synod then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

### *Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.*

Synod met. Present as on last evening. Commenced with prayer.

The Rev. J. S. Wilson was appointed Chairman of the Committee on the communication from the Synod of North Carolina, on the destitution of Theological Students in our Churches, in the place of Dr. Church, who was suddenly called away by indisposition in his family.

Synod then took up the appeal from the decision of Bethel Presbytery, on a complaint against the Rev. J.

L. R. Davies, preferred by Jas. McAliley, John Walker, John Reedy, and John Walker, jun. of Purity Church.

The Moderator announced that the body was now to sit in a Judicial capacity, and read the article in the Book of Discipline prescribed for such occasions.

The complainants who appealed from the decision of the Presbytery, assigned the following as their reasons: "1st. A manifestation of prejudice in the case: 2. Injustice in the decision."

The sentence appealed from was first read, then the reasons on record assigned by the appellants for their appeal; and the whole record of the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case, including all the testimony, and the reasons of their decision.

The parties were then fully heard—When the case was suspended, that Synod might proceed to the order of the day, viz: to receive the report of the Committee appointed to nominate members of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Their nomination having been made, Synod elected the following members of the Board, for three years, viz: Rev. Richard B. Cater, Rev. I. W. Waddel, Mr. Jas. English, and Dr. Thos. L. Dunlap, for the State of South Carolina; Rev. C. W. Howard, Rev. R. Chamberlain, Mr. Stephen Clay King, and Mr. Washington Poe, of the State of Georgia; and Mr. John Bonner, of South Carolina, in the place of C. McIntire removed.

Synod then proceeded to nominate Directors for the Theological Seminary, to supply the place of those whose term of service expires with this meeting. The roll being called, and each member having nominated as many as he chose—it was ordered that a list be made out of the persons nominated, and placed upon the door, and that it be made the order of the day for Monday at 10 o'clock to go into an election.

Synod then had a recess to meet at three o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Mr. Jas. M'Aliley, Rev. H. Reid and Rev. Mr. McAlpin, obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Synod then took up the unfinished business, viz: the appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Bethel; and the roll having been called to allow every member the opportunity of expressing his views upon the subject.

When, on motion, the case was ordered to be remitted back to the Presbytery, and that Dr. M'Dowell, Dr. Goulding, and Dr. John Dickson, be appointed a Committee to bring in a minute, expressive of the decision of the Synod in this case.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Synod of North Carolina, on the subject of the Religious instruction of the colored population, presented their report, the consideration of which was postponed, that before acting upon it Synod might hear the communication from the Synod of North Carolina.

A part of this communication having been read, the further reading was arrested for the purpose of receiving Reports of Committees.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute, expressive of the decision of the Synod upon the appeal from the Presbytery of Bethel, presented the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this case be remanded to the Presbytery for the following reasons:

1. Because it appeared from statements made before the Synod, by both the parties concerned, that there were facts in evidence before the Presbytery, which were not on the records, nor in any official documents before the Synod.

2. Because in their decision, the Presbytery itself was so equally divided, the decision being made by the casting vote of the Moderator, who was a near relative of the person accused. By stating this as a reason for remanding the case to the Presbytery, the Synod would not be understood as expressing the slightest suspicion

of any undue influence; but they who feel that the circumstances stated, render it in their view, expedient that the Presbytery should have an opportunity of review.

In remanding this case, Synod recommend to Presbytery to make another effort to effect a reconciliation. If they fail in this, the Synod direct the Presbytery to institute a new trial, and that they be at liberty to take any new evidence they may deem proper, and be directed to make a full record of all the testimony and all their proceedings in the case.

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, reported that they had not been put into their hands. This Report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Goulding, asking leave to resign his Professorship in the Theological Seminary of the Synod, on the 1st of January next; which was considered, and leave was granted.

Whereupon a Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. W. A. McDowell, Dr. Waddel, and Mr. Patterson to prepare a minute or resolutions, expressive of the sentiments of the Synod, touching Dr. Goulding's contemplated resignation.

Synod then adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

*Monday Morning, Dec. 8—9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. Present as on Saturday Evening.

Mr. Means sent a verbal excuse to the Synod for absence, which was sustained.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Georgia Presbytery, reported that the book had not been put into their hands. This Report was received and the Committee discharged.



It was made the order of the day after the election of Directors, to take up the unfinished business touching the communication from the Synod of North Carolina, on the Religious Instruction of the Colored Population.

The Committee on the communication of the Synod of North Carolina, touching the destitution of Theological Students in our Churches, presented their Report which was read and accepted, and the consideration of it was deferred to give the Rev. Wm. Chester, Agent of the General Assembly's Board of Education, an opportunity of bringing the subject of his Agency before the Synod. After Mr. Chester was heard, Synod proceeded to the order of the day, viz.—The Election of six Ministers and four Laymen, as Directors of the Theological Seminary for three years; and Mr. Cassels and Mr. Adams, were appointed a Committee to receive and count the votes and declare the result.

Leave of absence was granted to Rt. Cunningham for the remainder of the session.

At the request of the Southern Board, Synod would recommend that all the Ministry within its bounds deliver discourses to their respective congregations on the subject of Foreign Missions, on the 2d Sabbath of March next, and that the Synod of Tennessee be requested to unite on this subject.

The Committee appointed to receive and count the votes for Directors in the Theological Seminary, reported that the following persons had received a majority of the votes of Synod, and were therefore duly elected for the three ensuing year, (viz.) *Ministers*, Benj. M. Palmer, D. D., W. A. M'Dowell, D. D., A. Church, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, S. S. Davis, and Thomas Smith; *Laymen*, David Ewart, J. K. Douglass, Dr. Thomas Wells and B. King.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures No. 1, 2 and 3, which were ordered to be placed on the docket.



The Committee on the Narrative offered their report which was read and considered, and recommitted with instructions to amend it in certain particulars.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon, immediately after the recess, to take up the subject of the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, presented their Report in part, which was accepted and is as follows :

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### REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

" The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, is prepared to Report only in part, as much of their business is still in the hands of Committees to whom it has been referred. They can, however, make a few general statements, from which the real condition and prospects of the Institution may be known with tolerable accuracy.

The Rev. Dr. Leland, whom the Synod elected last year Professor of Christian Theology, notified to the Board, agreeably to promise, his acceptance of the appointment, and entered upon its duties on the 1st of January last. His installation has not yet taken place, and no measures have been adopted respecting it.— And that this may not be considered as evidence of remissness in the Board, they would here observe, that they have acted in accordance with the expressed desire, or rather intimation of the Professor, that his installation might be deferred till after the present meeting of Synod.

The exercises of the Seminary have been continued during the year with very little interruption. The number of Students on the catalogue is twenty-three, six of whom completed the prescribed course at the end of the term which has just closed. The Professors Report, bears unequivocal testimony to the diff-

gence, talents, and exemplary Christian character of all the Students in the Seminary: and this Report is confirmed by the testimony of those with whom they have been in the habit of daily intercourse. The Spring examination was attended by a portion of the Committee appointed for that purpose,—and some of the members of the Board attended the Fall examination—and they unite in giving it as their opinion, that they have seldom known Students in Theology acquit themselves better on similar occasions. Their expectations were more than realized by the exhibitions which they gave of their having acquired an accurate and thorough knowledge of the studies in the several departments of the Institution.

Two classes have now finished their course in this Institution. Of the first, two have gone far hence to the Gentiles; one to diffuse the light of the Gospel upon the shores of Western Africa, and the other to spend and be spent for the salvation of the Mohammedans of Persia—The destination of the rest is not definitely fixed, but it is probable from present appearances that they will all labor, at least for a time, within our own bounds—And it is not a small accession to the number of our Ministers, to have ten more young, vigorous, intelligent, zealous and well furnished for the work, ready to co-operate with those who have borne the burden and heat of the day. The Synod will doubtless hail with rejoicing this addition to their effective force. And as these are the first fruits of an Institution which they have established and cherished and sustained, they will be regarded as only an earnest of a more amply supply of able and faithful heralds of the cross.

The Buildings and Lots of the Institution are the same as reported last year. But the Board have made arrangements for converting into student's rooms, and a suitable room for a Library, those portions of the buildings which are now otherwise occupied. If these arrangements should be carried into entire effect, they will give, at a small expense, a very commodious room for a Library, and six or eight additional rooms for Students.

The Librarian reports the Library to be in a good condition. More than seventy volumes have been added during the year gratuitously, and there are about as many more in the hands of members of the Board, which will be sent to the Institution by the first opportunity.

There has been, during the year, an effort to complete the Professorships; and so great has been the success, as to authorize the confident expectation, that in one or two years, three Professorships will be fully endowed. One individual has generously contributed ten thousand dollars towards endowing the Professorship of Biblical Literature, the avails of which are to be secured for that purpose after the tenth of July next. Additional pledges have also been made to that Professorship of eight thousand dollars in thousand dollar subscriptions. These, when paid, and there is reason to believe that they will be in a few months, added to what has already been subscribed in the Charleston Union Presbytery, will place this Professorship on a permanent foundation. The subscription to the Georgia Professorship is not yet entirely filled; but the prospect is, that it will be completed this year. The subscriptions at the North for another Professorship amounts to about two thirds of the requisite sum.— Could additional subscriptions be made of about twelve thousand dollars, and the monies subscribed collected; the three Professorships each twenty-five thousand dollars, would be completed.

A bequest has been made to the Institution by the late Andrew Maybank, of Liberty County, (Ga.) of about four thousand five hundred dollars; and if the interests on certain Indian claims be allowed by Government, this amount will be considerably increased.

From the Treasurer's Report, it appears that more than three thousand dollars have been contributed to the contingent fund during the year. But as the contingent fund was in debt for the current expenses of the last year, and as the current expenses of this year, ending with the first of January next, will be about five

thousand dollars, there remains to be provided for about two thousand five hundred dollars. In previous years, the Board have had to borrow from the permanent for the contingent fund. It must be obvious to every member of the Synod, that until subscriptions to the permanent fund be collected, and converted into available stock, there must be a heavy draft upon the Churches to meet the contingent expenses of the Institution. But we do hope, that after two or three years, no such draft will be necessary. Let an effort be made at once by all our Churches, and we think that the Institution can be placed upon such a foundation as not to embarrass the Board for the want of means to carry on its pecuniary operations."

Synod then proceeded to the unfinished business, viz: the communication from the Synod of North Carolina relating to the religious instruction of the colored population.

The remaining part of the communication was read, when it was moved to refer the subject to a special Committee to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Half past 3 o'clock.*

Synod met. Overture No. 1, was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That the name of the Presbytery of Good Hope, be, and it is hereby changed to that of Flint River.

Overture No. 2, was taken up, and adopted which is as follows, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Presbyteries be required to report to Synod at its next meeting the number and the names of the Elders in the Churches within their bounds respectively.

The time and place of next meeting of Synod was taken up, when it was resolved, that when the Synod



adjourn, it do adjourn to meet in Columbia, S. C., on the 2d Thursday in November 1835, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A letter was received from the Rev. John Cousar, assigning reasons for his absence which were sustained.

Dr. James Toole obtained leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

The order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. Dr. McDowell, Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the General Assembly's Board of Missions, made some statements; after which he submitted to Synod the following resolutions, which were adopted:

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## RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

*Resolved*, 1. In the view of this Synod, it is of vital importance to the interests of religion, the Ministry should be as free as possible from all worldly avocations, and Ministers should have their undivided attention devoted to the great object, for which the Ministry was appointed—that of preaching the Gospel and laboring for the salvation of souls.

*Resolved*, 2. In the view of the Synod, the Church is under obligation to use her best endeavors for securing, as far as in her power, the entire services of all her Ministers. The Church is bound to make all practicable efforts for rendering efficient and active, the Ministry now in the field for supplying destitute Congregations—building up the waste places of Zion—and furnishing all the destitute with the instructions and ordinances of the Gospel.

*Resolved*, 3. That the state of our Churches—the insufficient support given to a number of our Ministers—compelling them to devote a large proportion of their time to secular employments,—The number of feeble Churches within our bounds, destitute of Pastors, and unable, without aid, to support the Ministry—and the

great destitution of large districts within our limits, demand from our Presbyteries and Churches, immediate and energetic action in the cause of domestic or home missions.

*Resolved*, 4. In the view of this Synod, it is very important there should be *union* in our Churches on this great subject; and whatever plan of operation in itself unobjectionable, promises most effectually to unite the feelings, and call forth the resources of the Churches in efforts to supply our own destitute population, we will most cordially adopt.

*Resolved*, 5. That we have heard with interest from the Agent of the General Assembly's Board of Missions, who is now with us, that that Board, which is the Board of the Presbyterian Church, have been adopting measures for acting more extensively and more efficiently in building up the waste places of our Southern Zion. We have been gratified to learn that in the neighboring States of North Carolina and Virginia, they have succeeded in effecting an efficient organization, and have now a valuable and permanent Agent, wholly devoted to this work. And that they have in contemplation, should the brethren here approve of the measure, to appoint without delay, an efficient Agent for this Synod; whose whole time is to be devoted to the cause of Domestic Missions, within the bounds of the Synod: And that their design is to select the Agent from their own Synod. The employment of such an agent, if a suitable man can be obtained, who is a member of the Synod, the Synod believe would be the plan best calculated to give efficiency and permanency to our operations; and they hereby express their approbation of this measure; and should such an agent be appointed, they recommend to their several Presbyteries and Churches cheerfully to co-operate with him, and do what they can to aid him in his important work.

*Resolved*, 6. That in the opinion of this Synod, the plan adopted by the General Assembly's Board of Missions, of acting through the Presbyteries, and



giving to each Presbytery a control over the Missionary operations within their bounds, is the plan most accordant with the genius of Presbyterianism; and in our view, most likely to secure the confidence and co-operation of the Churches.

And with a view to secure union and concert of action in this matter, the Synod recommend to the Presbyteries under their care, not already auxiliary to the Board of Missions, to become auxiliary, and on such terms as they may deem expedient, and as speedily as practicable, organize for efficient operation."

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of South Carolina, presented their report, and recommend that the Book be approved to page 60, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, reported and recommended that the Book be approved to page —, which was adopted.

The Committee on the records of Charleston Union Presbytery, presented their report—recommending that the Book be approved, which was adopted.

Synod proceeded to the unfinished business of the morning, (viz.) the communication from the Synod of North Carolina, on the Religious Instruction of the Colored Population.

When the question of a reference to a Special Committee was taken up and decided in the affirmative.

Dr. Waddel, Mr. Hines, Dr. Goulding, Mr. Smith, Mr. John B. Davies, Mr. Quarterman, and Mr. Patterson, were appointed a Committee to nominate this special Committee.

The Committee on the Bill for printing the Minutes, &c, presented their report which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:—That each of the Presbyteries be requested to contribute for this purpose their respective quotas in the following schedule, viz:

Charleston Union,	:	:	\$21 56
Harmony,	:	:	21 56
Hopewell,	:	:	21 56
South Carolina,	:	:	21 56

Flint River,	:	:	:	10 68
Bethel,	:	:	:	10 68
Georgia,	:	:	:	10 70

The Committee appointed to nominate the Special Committee to whom the communication of the Synod of North Carolina touching the Religious Instruction of the Colored Population, was referred, presented their Report, whereupon the following individuals were appointed, (viz.)—S. B. Lewers, R. Cunningham, S. J. Cassels, R. K. Hines, Rt. W. James, C. J. Shannon, J. B. Davies, B. S. Massey, J. C. Patterson, Washington Poe, C. C. Jones, Thos. S. Clay, Thos. Smith, and C. Clarke. Rev. C. C. Jones was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

The Report of the Committee on the communication from the Synod of North Carolina on the Religious Instruction of the Coloured Population, was then taken up, amended and adopted, and is as follows :

That they have examined that communication, and rejoice in the feeling and efforts of that Synod upon this subject ; and would recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

*Resolved*, 1. That it be enjoined on all the Churches in the Presbyteries comprising this Synod, to take order, at their earliest meeting, to obtain full and correct statistical information of the number of colored persons in actual attendance at our several places of worship, and the number of colored members in our several churches ; and make a full report to Synod at its next meeting ; and for this purpose that the Clerk of this Synod furnish a copy of this resolution to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery.

*Resolved*, 2. That it be enjoined on all Presbyteries in presenting their annual Report to Synod, to report the state of religion in the colored part of the congregations, and also to present a statistical report of the increase of colored members—and that this be the standing rule of Synod on this subject.

*Resolved unanimously*, That in the opinion of this Synod, Abolition Societies, and the principles upon which they are formed in the United States, are inconsistent with the best interests of the slaves, the rights of slave-holders, and the great principles of our political institutions.

The Stated Clerk's salary being called for, the

Presbytery of Charleston Union paid	\$10 00
Bethel, : : : :	5 00
Georgia, : : : :	5 00
Flint River, : : : :	5 00
Harmony, (last year and this) : :	20 00

Ordered, That those Presbyteries who have not paid, remit the amount which they are respectfully assessed to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

*Tuesday Morning, Dec. 9th—9 o'clock.*

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. Present as on last evening. The Minutes were read.

The Committee on the Records of Flint River Presbytery, presented as their Report, that the book had not been put into their hands, which was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Overture No. 3, was then taken up, which was to consider so much of Mr. Cater's Letter as relates to the Act and Testimony.

The Report of the Committee on the communication from the Synod of North Carolina, touching the destitution of Theological Students in our Churches, which was read, considered, and recommitted for alteration and amendment to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Bailey, Howe, and Quillin.

The Committee to whom the Narrative of the State of Religion was recommitted on yesterday, reported, and their report was adopted.

Mr. Z. Williams obtained leave of absence during the remainder of this session.

The Agent of the American Sunday School Union for South Carolina, presented a detailed account of efforts during the last year, with their success; which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Gouging, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Buist.

The Committee to whom the communication from the Synod of North Carolina, on the destitution of Theological Students in our Churches was recommended, reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted, and is as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Churches under our care, to observe the last Thursday of February next, as a day of fasting and prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that he would speedily raise and send into his harvest, duly qualified men, and send them into his harvest.

2. *Resolved*, That it be also recommended to the Pastors of our Churches, that they use all proper measures to lead the minds of young men on whom God has bestowed suitable talents and piety, to a distinct examination of the great question of duty in reference to the devotion of themselves to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all friends of Zion to spend a part of every Saturday evening in prayer to God for a large and speedy increase of Ministers in our Church, and for blessings on our Schools and Theological Seminaries.

4. *Resolved*, That the whole Church, both Ministers and people, be earnestly urged to inquire whether we are not perverting the institutions of the Gospel Ministry, in suffering so many of our Pastors and Preachers to be so much encumbered with worldly avocations.

On motion *Resolved*, That Mr. Gildersleeve be requested to publish the foregoing Resolutions in the Charleston Observer, and forward a copy to each Minister in this Synod, whose duty it shall be to read the same in their respective Churches. Also further

*Resolved*, That the Editor of the Christian Herald be requested to publish the said Resolutions in his paper.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presented a still further Report, which was accepted; and the consideration of its recommendation was deferred for the present.

A vacancy having occurred in the Chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government, by the resignation of Dr. Goulding, it was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to go into an election to fill the place.

The roll being called to give each member of the Synod an opportunity of nominating, and the nomination having been finished

Synod took up Overture No. 3, which was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Dr. Waddel, S. J. Cassels, Dr. Goulding, Dr. McDowell, J. B. Davies, R. Chamberlain, Rt. Quarterman, J. Bryan, T. R. Vardell, and L. Weems.

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock P. M. Synod met.

The Committee appointed to report on the statement of the Agent of Sunday Schools presented their Report which was considered and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

*Resolved*, That this Synod rejoice in the progress of Sunday Schools, as exhibited in part by the statement of the Agent, and they earnestly recommend to our Ministers and Churches, the adoption of the suggestions therein made, and especially the formation of County and District Committees to enlist the personal action and aid of the inhabitants of the respective portions of the country.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That all Churches which have not an installed Pastor, are to be considered as vacant Churches, and are thus entitled to a representation in our Ecclesiastical Judicatories.

*Resolved*, That special prayer be offered for baptized children of the Church, by all the Ministers and Pas-



tors of our Churches at the close of our communion seasons.

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined on all our Ministers to lecture regularly at stated times on the Assembly's Catechism, and that they exert their influence to have it regularly taught in all their Sunday Schools.

*Resolved*, That all parents be affectionately urged to instruct their children in the elements of the Christian religion, and make our excellent Catechism a part of their weekly family instructions.

*Resolved*, That the subject of these Resolutions be recommended to the special attention of our Churches.

The Committee on the Narrative brought in their amended Report, which after correction was adopted, and is as follows :

## NARRATIVE.

Sometimes it is our grateful task to commence the Synodical Narrative with the record of signal dispensations of mercy, by which the ranks and resources of our Churches have been greatly augmented. With no such record are we permitted to begin this narrative. The past year has not been a period of special refreshment and enlargement to our Zion. This state of things seems the more remarkable and surprising, when viewed in connection with the fact that the Synod, at its last meeting, enjoyed an evident and memorable effusion of the Holy Spirit. It was anticipated by many that the Churches would feel and shew the results of that "refreshing from the presence of the Lord," in the greater productiveness of the labors of the brethren thus girded afresh for the work of the Ministry.

These results have not been witnessed ; so far from it, no extensive and continued revival of religion has been experienced, in any of our Churches. Nor is it admitted that the Churches are so pure and faithful, so united and zealous, as not to need special visitations of spiritual influences. Almost without exception, the reports from the Presbyteries testify that lukewarm-



ness prevails, and that the spirit of the world has gained a fearful influence among the followers of the Redeemer. Accessions have indeed been made to our numbers, but it is questionable whether we have gained by conversions more than we have lost by deaths and removals.

Why is it that with Churches advantageously located throughout our extensive bounds—with men of God carefully set apart to the work of preaching that Gospel, which is the wisdom and power of God unto salvation—results no more favorable have been witnessed during the past year? Why is it that our Ministry wields no more of the influence which an intelligent, active and useful Ministry will exert?

Protracted meetings have been held. In some instances they have proved beneficial—in others powerless. The brethren have gone forth to this species of labor with the hope that their exertions would be as successful as they have been on previous occasions—but these means, like the champion of Israel, though they have retained their form and name, have been, for the most part, shorn of their power.

Many of the Churches are contented with the scanty pittance of monthly visits from their teachers. Others, from weakness or indisposition, or from the scarcity of Ministers are entirely unsupplied. It is not surprising that when these difficulties exist, the Gospel is not successful.

The Churches may not have expected the converting energies of Divine grace to attend the regular services of the Sabbath. It has come to be regarded as a blessing hardly to be expected now, that the messages of God should result in the conversion of men at any time, when the Gospel is preached, whether a protracted meeting is enjoyed or not. It is feared that Christians, by making this mistake, have failed to implore, as they might have done, the blessing of God upon the weekly labors of their Pastors. And have the Ministers of Christ directed their efforts and prayers to the single object of saving the souls of their people, as

they might have done? Has it seemed to them the only object for which they should consent and continue to preach, to win souls to Christ? Has this object been kept incessantly in view? Has it given a direction to all their studies, elicited the best energies of their minds, and prompted the most happy and energetic efforts to save men from perdition? Have they prayed for the souls of their people with the necessary earnestness and faith; and besought God not to let them live and preach without witnessing the only result about which a preacher should be chiefly solicitous—the conversion and sanctification of his people? Could not the servants of Christ, who preach to the Churches of this Synod, have rejoiced in the conversion of vast numbers at the close of another year, if they had lived and labored, prayed and preached with the requisite reference to the salvation of their people? Set apart, as they are, to the work of saving men, through the Gospel, can Ministers be guiltless when, during the progress of a year, the Churches are not visibly and greatly enlarged? Barnabas was “a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and much people was added to the Lord.” If the Ministers of this Synod will be good men, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, here much people will be added to the Lord.

But we must not fail to record, in our review of the past year those occurrences which are peculiarly entitled to a thankful remembrance.

The work of educating young men for the Ministry, has been prosecuted with perhaps more vigour than heretofore. In several congregations, among the ladies, Associations have been formed; each of which undertakes the support of a beneficiary. This cause has been aided by a bequest of \$1000, and by some liberal contributions.

Sunday Schools have generally been maintained with interest, and in many places, not to the neglect of catechetical instruction. Parents, it is hoped, are becoming sensible that the Sunday School teacher cannot

be their substitute, though he may be a valuable auxiliary in the religious education of their children.

The number of Students in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, during the past year, has been greater than heretofore. The Georgia Professorship, and the Professorship of Biblical Literature, have been nearly completed.

Increasing efforts have been made, especially within the bounds of the Presbytery of Georgia, to impart religious instruction, (orally) to the Negroes. The formation of Temperance Societies among this class of people has been found highly beneficial.

The subject of Foreign Missions has been brought before some of the Churches, by the efforts of the Southern Board of Missions. Liberal contributions have been placed at the disposal of this body. When that Board shall have gone more fully into operation, it is hoped that the prejudices will be removed which prevail in some of our Churches against sending the crumbs of salvation to the distant and perishing heathen—so long as our Churches are not perfectly pampered at home—or so long as the neglectors of the Gospel spurn the bread of life—and that our people will bring up to the work of converting the world their quota of toil, of men, of contributions, and of prayers.

The Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions is generally observed. In some Churches it is found impracticable to devote the first Monday evening to this purpose. It is recommended to those Churches to employ the Sabbath afternoon preceding the first Monday of the month for the purposes of this meeting.

Some bequests have been made to promote the cause of Foreign Missions. Two members of the Charleston Union Presbytery have left their native land to devote themselves to the Foreign Missionary service. The means of obtaining two printing presses have been subscribed.

Several Churches have enjoyed refreshing visitation of the Spirit. Perhaps the most memorable work of

grace within our bounds, since the last meeting of Synod, has taken place within the walls of the Penitentiary of Georgia. "At the commencement of the present year, regular worship was held among the convicts, by the resident Ministers of the place on Sabbath morning at sunrise. A Sabbath School was established, in which all the convicts were scholars. Their minds were evidently interested by the new influence thus brought to bear on them. On the Sabbath during the sitting of the Presbytery, some of the brethren held a meeting among them which was followed by blessed consequences. About 40 persons became deeply anxious. The convicts were so desirous to hear the Gospel that they voluntarily proposed to surrender for this purpose on the next day an hour allotted to them for their own use the only time that was at their disposal during the 24 hours. Since that time this hour has been spent once or twice a week in a meeting for prayer. After Presbytery closed its session, meetings were held for some time by the Ministers of the place every day of the week, about sunset. These efforts resulted in the hopeful conversion of about 50 of the convicts, the whole number in the Penitentiary being about 80. It may be said with safety that at one time there was scarcely a solitary careless sinner in the building. Those who had a hope in Christ soon wished to partake of the Supper of the Lord. They desired the establishment of a Church. It being impossible to have more than one Church among them, its denomination was left to their choice. The majority was to decide, and it was understood that the rest should agree to their decision, reserving to themselves the right of taking letters of dismission to join whatever Church they should choose on their being liberated from confinement. A small majority selected the Methodist Church, and there is now a regularly organized Church of that denomination within the walls of the Penitentiary. This work to all human appearance is genuine.—The professed converts wear as well as is usually the case among so large a number."



While we are thankful that we have any cheering intelligence to communicate, we feel that the Churches ought to be deeply humbled before God, because we are not permitted to report a flourishing State of Religion, and a vast increase of exertion in the various Departments of Christian beneficence. It is high time for our people to awake out of sleep. The deepening slumbers of most of the Churches, the prevalence of irreligion, the dreary desolations within our Zion, and the pressing wants of the unevangelized world call loudly upon us for efforts such as we have not yet put forth to promote the Redeemer's kingdom. Our Synod has been afflicted by the removal of the Rev. John Baker of Columbus, and of a licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina, Anthony Jefferson Pearson, from the scenes of their earthly labors.

While we mourn the loss of our fellow laborers, let the providential admonition arouse both Churches and Ministers to be faithful in their Master's service.

The hour having arrived to go into an election for a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government it was.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of a third Professor in the Theological Seminary be postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, reported No. 3 and 5, which were ordered to be placed on the docket.

Overture No 4, was taken up, which was "to consider the propriety of taking the necessary measures for dividing this body into two separate Synods."

After some discussion, this Overture was indefinitely postponed.

Overture No 5 was taken up which was, "In what light are those persons to be considered who received ordination from Mr. John M. Duncan and his followers?"

Synod answered this overture by deciding that the ordination above referred to be considered as wholly invalid.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, Synod alter-

ed the 8th Sec. of the 4th Article of the Constitution, so as to read as follows :

“ Member of the Seminary who have been regularly licensed, shall occasionally preach in the Institution if required—their sermons have been previously examined and approved by one of the Professors. But they shall not preach out of the Seminary under any circumstances, until within six weeks of their graduation, and then only with the permission of the Faculty.

Also the 5th Article of the 4th Sec. so as to read as follows :

“ The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies that come into his hands for the Seminary. He shall give bond for their faithful management in such sum as the Board shall direct, with sufficient sureties to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.— He shall give receipts for all monies, receive and pay, upon the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, all monies appropriated by the Board, and make an Annual Report of the State of the funds, and of the Expenditures of the Seminary to the Board of Directors.”

Also the 6th Article of the same Section.

“ The Committee of Investment shall receive all monies that are appropriated to the permanent fund, and invest the same in the name of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and report the amount received, and the manner of investment, to the Treasurer of the Seminary. They shall also receive and pay over to the Treasurer, the avails of the vested funds, and make an annual exhibit of the State of their accounts to the Board, at the stated meetings of Synod.”

And, also, Section 6th, Article 9th, so as to read as follows :

“ Candidates for admission, shall furnish the Faculty with satisfactory testimonials from Enlightened and pious persons, of their talents, piety and prudence, of having been regularly educated at some College or



University or made attainments deemed equivalent, and of being in full communion with some Christian Church."

Mr. Pratt, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Gildersleeve were appointed a Committee to devise ways and means for printing the Minutes of the present meeting of Synod, and it was ordered that 500 copies be printed.

The Committee to whom was referred Overture No. 3. touching the Act and Testimony, presented their Report, which was considered and adopted, and is as follows :

A paper was introduced to the notice of the Synod, styled " the Act and Testimony," drawn up at Philadelphia, during the meeting of the last General Assembly, with the signatures of a number of the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church, and addressed to the Ministers, Elders, and private members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

This document brings to the view of the Churches a number of radical errors in doctrine, and errors in discipline—which this Synod believes every friend to the truth and Order of our church is bound not only to condemn, but also to use his influence to remove from the Church—And this Synod, do now, as expressive of their views and feelings in regard to this matter, most cordially adopt as their own this Act and Testimony, viz:

#### AS REGARDS DOCTRINE.

1. We do bear our solemn testimony against the right claimed by some, of interpreting the doctrines of our Standards in a sense different from the general sense of the Church for years past, whilst they still continue in our communion ; on the contrary, we aver, that they who adopt our Standards, are bound by candour and the simplest integrity, to hold them in their obvious accepted sense.

2. We testify against the unchristian subterfuge to which some have recourse, when they avow a general adherence to our Standards *as a system*, while they

deny doctrines essential to the system, or hold doctrines at complete variance with the system.

3. We testify against the reprehensible conduct of those in our communion, who hold, and preach, and publish Arminian and Pelagian heresies, professing at the same time to embrace our creed, and pretending that these errors do consist therewith.

4. We testify against the conduct of those who, while they profess to approve and adopt our doctrines and order, do, nevertheless, speak and publish in terms, or by necessary implication, that which is derogatory to both, and which tends to bring both into disrepute.

5. We testify against the following as a part of the errors, which are held and taught, by some persons in our Church.

### ERRORS.

1. **OUR RELATION TO ADAM.**—That we have no more to do with the first sin of Adam, than with the sins of any other parent.

2. **NATIVE DEPRAVITY.**—That there is no such thing as original sin ; that infants come into the world as perfectly free from Corruption of nature as Adam was when he was created, that by original sin nothing more is meant than the fact that all the posterity of Adam, though born entirely free from moral defilement, will always begin to sin when they begin to exercise moral agency, and that this fact is somehow connected with the fall of Adam.

3. **IMPUTATION.**—That the doctrine of imputed sin and imputed righteousness is a novelty, and is nonsense.

4. **ABILITY.**—That the impenitent sinner is by nature, and independently of the aid of the Holy Spirit in full possession of all the powers necessary to a compliance with the commands of God ; and that if he labored under any kind of inability, natural or moral, which he could not remove himself, he would be excusable for not complying with God's will.

5. **REGENERATION.**—That man's regeneration is his own act ; that it consists merely in the change of our governing purpose which change we must ourselves produce.

6. DIVINE INFLUENCE.—That God cannot exert such an influence on the minds of men as shall make it certain that they will choose an act in a particular manner without destroying their moral agency : and that, in a moral system, God could not prevent the existence of sin, or the present amount of sin, however much he might desire it.

7. ATONEMENT.—That Christ's sufferings were not truly and properly vicarious.

As regards Discipline and Church Order, this Synod do most cordially unite with their brethren in other portions of our Zion, in condemning all departure from the excellent order of our Church. They believe that the form of Government of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, is in all essential features in full accordance with the revealed will of God ; hence therefore, whatever impairs its purity, or changes its essential character is repugnant to the will of our Master.—They believe that every Minister and Officer in the Presbyterian Church, is bound, by his own voluntary subscription to our Standards, to sustain the order of the Church as well as to maintain her doctrines. They do therefore utterly condemn all acts which have a tendency to weaken, or destroy this excellent order, and testify against all departures from the true principles of our Constitution.

And they unite in their testimony against the formation of new Synods, or Presbyteries otherwise than upon the established rules of our Church, or for other purposes, than for the edification, and enlargement of the Church of Christ—As also against the exercise by the General Assembly, or any other ecclesiastical body in our Church, of powers not given to the body, by the Constitution of the Church.

The Synod have heard too, not without alarm of certain measures which have recently been adopted in some portions of our much beloved Zion—measures calculated to fill our Churches with professors of doubtful character, and in our view, eminently calculated to mar the purity, and subvert the order of God's house—again such measures we do bear our most unequivocal testimony against. W. Milton,

testimony—and we hereby do give our pledge to each other, and to the Church, that we will use our best efforts to maintain the purity and discipline of the Church according to our excellent and much valued standards.

The Minutes were read in part, when on motion, Synod had a recess to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

*Seven O'clock, P. M.*—Synod met.

Rev. Dr. Leland tendered his resignation, as Director in the Theological Seminary, which was accepted.

The Committee who were appointed to bring in a minute or resolutions touching Dr. Goulding's contemplated resignation, reported the following resolution which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That Synod retain a lively sense of the ability, zeal, and faithfulness with which the Rev. Dr. Goulding has sustained the duties of his office as Professor in the Theological Seminary, and that he carry with him into his retirement, the best wishes of his brethren, and their fervent prayers that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may rest upon him.

Synod then proceeded to nominate and elect a member of the Board, to supply the place of Dr. Leland resigned, when the choice resulted in the election of Rev. John Witherspoon.

On motion, Dr. Leland was requested to furnish a copy of the Sermon which he preached at the opening of Synod for publication.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the citizens of Augusta, for their hospitality to the members of this body, and that the Rev. Mr. Talmage communicate this resolution to them in any manner which he may deem expedient.

The concluding part of the Minutes was then read—when Synod adjourned to meet in Columbia on the 2d Thursday in November, 1835, at 11 o'clock A. M.

*Concluded with prayer, singing, and the benediction.*

NATHAN HOYT, *Moderator.*

GILDERSLEEVE, *Temp'y Clerk.*

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## OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

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COLUMBIA, S. C. Nov. 12th, 1835. }  
12 o'clock, M. }


The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Nathan Hoyt, from Daniel 12th, 3d: "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."

Constituted with prayer.

The Clerk commenced calling the roll; but before he had finished, Synod, on motion, had a recess until half after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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*Half past 3 o'clock.*

 Synod met.

### PRESENT.

*From the Presbytery of South Carolina.*

MINISTERS—Moses Waddel, D. D., John B. Kennedy, Richard B. Cater, Anthony W. Ross, Isaac W. Waddel, J. L. Kennedy.

ELDERS.—Joseph N. Whitner, Robert S. Church; Peter E. Belotte, Sandy Spring; David Hamilton,



Carmel ; Thos. Cunningham, Friendship ; Alexander Chambers, Aveleigh.

*From the Presbytery of Hopewell.*

MINISTERS—John Cousar, Rufus W. Bailey, Urias Powers, John Witherspoon, Geo. Howe, Wm. Brearly, Chas. Le Roy Boyd, Thos. R. English.

ELDERS—J. K. Douglass, Camden ; G. T. Snowden, Columbia ; Samuel Scott, Indiantown ; Jas. W. English, Salem ; Wm. Harris, Mt. Zion ; Wm. Wilson, Hopewell ; Danl. Frierson, Williamburgh ; John C. Coit, Cheraw.

*From Charleston Union Presbytery.*

MINISTERS—A. W. Leland, D. D., Benj. Gildersleeve, E. White, Z. Rogers, Thos. Smith, John A. Mitchell, Edward T. Buist, John F. Lanneau.

ELDERS—Samuel Clark, Beech Island.

*From the Georgia Presbytery.*

MINISTERS—Horace S. Pratt, C. Colcock Jones.

ELDERS—None.

*From Bethel Presbytery.*

MINISTERS—John B. Davies, Aaron Williams, John LeRoy Davies, Wm. B. Davies.

ELDERS—Abm. M'Junkin, Cane Creek ; Washington Dunlap, Lancaster ; Wilson Allen, Six Mile Creek ; Robert Lusk, Salem ; Robert Miller, Fishing Creek ; John Walker, Purity ; John Bonner, Catholic.

*From Flint River Presbytery.*

MINISTERS—Edwin Holt, Thos. F. Scott.

ELDERS—None.

On motion, the Statistical Reports were called for, for the purpose of perfecting the roll ; when it appeared that in addition to the standing members of Synod, there were present.

*From the Presbytery of Harmony.*

Geo. H. W. Petrie, Andrew G. Peden, Wm. M. Reid, Albert M. Egerton, R. S. Gladney, Malcom D. Frazer, Julius J. Dubose.

*From the Presbytery of Charleston Union.*

Erastus Hopkins, and I. S. K. Axson.

*From the Presbytery of Bethel.*

James H. Thornwell.

## ABSENT.

*Presbytery of South Carolina.*

Saml. Davis, Hugh Dickson, William H. Barr, D. D., David Humphrys, Wm. Carlile, Saml. B. Lewers, Benj. D. Dupree.

*Presbytery of Hopewell.*

John Brown D. D., Edwd. Pharr, Henry Reid, Alonzo Church, D. D., Robt. McAlpin, Henry Safford, Hampden C. Carter, John W. Reid, John Harrison, Carlile P. Beman, Saml. P. Pressley, Chas. W. Howard, Thos. P. C. Shelman, Theodore M. Dwight, L. B. Clinton, A. M. Mooney.

*Presbytery of Harmony.*

George Reid. Thos. Goulding, D. D., Rt. Means, Rt. W. James, John Harrington, J. McFarland, Rt. B. Campbell, John Boggs, J. Leighton Wilson, Constantine Blodgett.

*Presbytery of Charleston Union.*

Denj. M. Palmer, D. D., W. A. M'Dowell, D. D., Wm. States Lee, John Dickson, Arthur Buist, Edwd. Palmer, John B. Van Dyke, Adam Gilchrist, Geo. W. Boggs, Jno. B. Adger, Jas. L. Merrick, James Lewers.

*Presbytery of Georgia.*

Wm. McWhir, D. D., B. Burroughs, N. A. Pratt,  
Rt. Quarterman, D. M. Winston, H. F. Blodgett, Danl.  
Baker, Jos. C. Stiles, E. H. Snowden.

*Presbytery of Bethel.*

Rt. B. Walker, James S. Adams, C. Johnston,  
Jephtha Harrison, J. M. H. Adams, Pierpont E. Bishop.

*Presbytery of Flint River.*

James Gamble, R. Chamberlain, John S. Wilson,  
Jas. C. Patterson, J. Y. Alexander, Wm. E. Patten,  
Wm. B. Richards.

Rev. John Witherspoon was unanimously chosen  
Moderator, and Benj. Gildersleeve, Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last sessions were read.

A Committee of bills and overtures was appointed,  
consisting of *Ministers*, Thomas Smith, Richd. B. Ca-  
ter, Nathan Hoyt, J. L. R. Davis, Geo. W. Petrie,  
C. C. Jones, with *Elders*, S. Clark and J. K. Douglass,  
with instructions to meet to-morrow morning at half  
past 8 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjourn-  
ments.

A Committee was also appointed to make arrange-  
ments for the religious exercises of to-morrow, to be  
held according to a standing rule of Synod, consisting  
of Dr. Leland, Mr. Talmage, and Jas. W. English.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. J. F. Lan-  
neau, after this evening.

It was stated to the Synod that Mr. Lanneau was  
on the eve of his departure, as a Missionary of the  
Southern Board, to "Syria and the Holy Land," and  
that he was to deliver his farewell address this evening.

Whereupon Dr. Leland was appointed to express in  
a public address, the feelings and sentiments of this  
Synod to Mr. Lanneau, in reference to the enterprise  
to which he has consecrated himself. Synod then had  
a recess to meet at half past 6 o'clock.

*Half past 6 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Mr. Lanneau delivered an address founded upon that passage in which the disciples inquired, "Wherefore is this waste," when the woman having an alabaster box full of precious ointment, brake it, and poured it upon the head of the blessed Saviour; and from which he took occasion to vindicate the course which he and his fellow laborers were pursuing, in reference to the command of the Lord Jesus to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Dr. Leland then, in the name, and by the authority of the Synod, gave an appropriate address to the brother who was ready to go "bound in the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that should befall him there."

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

*Friday Morning, Nov. 13—9 o'clock.*

Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present as last evening, together with Mr. Thomas R. Vardell, Elder of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston.

Letters were read from Drs. Palmer and McDowell, D. Humphrys, H. Reid, and R. W. James, assigning reasons for their absence, which were sustained.

Rev. Mr. Bowman from the Synod of Virginia, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member.

A Judicial Committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Leland, Dr. Waddel, W. B. Davies, *Ministers*; and J. C. Coit and Thos. Cunningham, *Elders*.

A Committee consisting of R. W. Bailey, E. T. Buist, and Wm. H. Harris, was appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of this Synod.

James McCreight, Elder from the Church of Winnsborough, appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a member.

A letter containing an extract from the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina, addressed by the Stated Clerk of *that*, to the Moderator of *this* Synod, was read ; and, on motion it was laid on the table.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, to hear the report of the Special Committee on the religious instruction of the colored people.

A Committee, consisting of the Moderator, Dr. Leland, and Mr. Snowden, were appointed to make arrangements for the religious exercises during the sessions of Synod.

The following Committees were appointed to review the records of Presbyteries, viz :

On the records of the South Carolina Presbytery, E. White. T. F. Scott, Wm. T. Wilson.

Of Hopewell, Wm. Brearly, J. A. Mitchell, Saml. Scott.

Of Harmony, S. S. Davis, E. Hopkins, T. R. Vardell.

Of Charleston Union, J. R. English, S. J. Cassels, Jas. W. English.

Of Georgia, U. Powers, A. W. Ross, D. Hamilton.

Of Bethel, S. K. Talmage, Z. Rogers and Danl. Frierson.

Of Flint River, J. W. Waddel, C. L. R. Boyd, and Jas. McCreight.

Rev. Dr. Church, Rev. Jas. Stratton, and Saml. Rockwell, Elder of the church at Milledgeville, appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for their delay.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to receive statistical reports, and narratives of the state of religion from the Presbyteries.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures No. 1, 2 and 3, which were read, and ordered to be put upon the docket.

Overture No. 1, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows :



*Resolved*, That Dr. Waddel, and Hugh Dickson, of the Presbytery of South Carolina; Dr. Church and Mr. Cassels, of the Presbytery of Hopewell; John Cousar, and G. H. W. Petrie, of the Presbytery of Harmony; Dr. Leland and Mr. White, of the Presbytery of Charleston Union; H. S. Pratt and C. C. Jones, of the Presbytery of Georgia; J. B. Davies, and Jas. H. Thornwell, of the Presbytery of Bethel; and E. Holt and T. F. Scott, of the Presbytery of Flint River, be a Committee in the several Presbyteries of this Synod, for the purpose of collecting facts on the history of the Presbyterian Church in the South, and forwarding the same as early as possible to the Rev. T. Smith, of Charleston, that they may form a part of the history of our Church in this country, now in a course of compilation, by the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D."

Overture No. 2, was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

"*Resolved*, That this Synod highly approve of the views and efforts of the Presbyterian Tract Society, under the care of the Synod of Philadelphia; and that they do hereby recommend to the Ministers, and Elders, and Churches within our bounds, to aid in the circulation of their tracts as containing important views of the origin, nature, doctrine, and discipline of our church."

Professor Howe, Dr. Church, and Mr. Rockwell, were appointed a Committee to report a plan for carrying the foregoing resolution into full effect.

Overture, No. 3, was taken up, and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams, from the Synod of North Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The hour for religious exercises, according to a standing rule of Synod, having arrived, the ordinary business was suspended; and Synod spent from 11 o'clock, A. M. to 1 o'clock, P. M. in devotional exercises, consisting of reading the Scriptures, singing, exhortation, and prayer, in which the following breth-

ren took a part, viz : Mr. Witherspoon, Dr. Waddel, Messrs. Cater, Cassels, Howe, Ross, Mitchell, Pratt, Jones, and J. B. Davies. The exercises were attended with a deep state of Christian feeling and fellowship.

Synod then had a recess to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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*Three o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. A letter was received from the Rev. C. Johnston, assigning reasons for his absence which were sustained.

By a resolution, the Ministers of Synod were enjoined to preach on the second Sabbath in March, 1836, to their respective congregations on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The Judicial Committee to whom Overture No. 3, was referred, reported that this was a case of reference from the Presbytery of Bethel for decision, wherein Purity Church were the complainants against the Rev. J. L. R. Davies—that the papers were in order—and recommended that Synod entertain the reference with a view to a decision in the case. Ordered that this case be put on the docket.

On motion, Synod took up the reference from the Presbytery of Bethel in the case of Purity Church complainants, against the Rev. J. L. R. Davies ; when the testimony in the case was read, and also the further action of the Presbytery in which they resolved to refer the case to the decision of the Synod, in consequence of the liability of the Presbytery to the imputation of partiality on account of the near relation of some of the members of that court to the individual accused.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

*Saturday Morning, Nov. 14—9 o'clock.*

Synod met and was opened with prayer. Present as last evening, together with Rev. C. W. Howard, of Hopewell Presbytery, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The order of the day was taken up, which was to receive statistical reports, and reports on the state of religion.

Whereupon the Presbytery of South Carolina reported that they consist of fourteen members, and have under their care thirty-six congregations, and two licentiates—that they had licensed Mr. Charles W. Martin and Mr. Wm. Harris, and that they have received under their care a newly organized church at Newberry Court House.

The Presbytery of Hopewell reported that they consist of twenty-two Ministers, and have forty Churches, three licentiates, and three candidates under their care—that they have dismissed the Rev. A. M. Mooney, to join the Flint River Presbytery—that they have received Rev. John G. Likins from the Union Presbytery, (Ten.) that they have ordained *sine titulo* Rev. F. R. Goulding, and that they have licensed Mr. J. W. Freeman and Mr. Thos. Magruder, and Mr. George, as probationers for the Gospel Ministry.

The Presbytery of Harmony reported that they consist of 22 members, and have under their care 24 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 5 Candidates for the Ministry—That they have licensed during the year Messrs. Hooker, Dana, and Cassels; that they have ordained and installed as Pastors Rev. G. W. Petrie, A. G. Peden, and Wm. M. Reid; and that they have ordained *sine titulo*, Albert M. Egerton, M. D. Frazer, R. S. Gladney, J. J. Dubose, and dismissed Mr. Cassels to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Georgia.

Charleston Union Presbytery reported that they consist of 24 members, and have 8 Churches and 3 Licentiates under their care. That they have received from a Congregational Association, on his adopting the

confession of Faith the Rev. Dyer Ball—that they have installed the Rev. Thomas Smith, Pastor of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston—that they have installed as Pastors Rev. Erastus Hopkins, Rev. I. S. K. Axon, and Rev. I. S. K. Legare, they have organized a church at Orangeburgh, and licensed one Candidate, viz. Mr. Washington Baird, as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry.

The Presbytery of Georgia report that they consist of 9 Ministers, and have 6 Churches under their care—that they have dismissed the Rev. Daniel Baker, to join the Presbytery of West Lexington, and have received under their care Mr. Baldwin, a Licentiate from the Classis of New Brunswick. That they have dismissed the Rev. J. C. Stiles, and Rev. D. M. Winston to join the Presbytery of West Lexington, and received the Rev. Horace Galpin, from the Presbytery of Ontario.

The Presbytery of Bethel reported that they consist of 9 members, and have under their care 3 Licentiates, and 20 Congregations, with 100 Ruling Elders—that they have dismissed Rev. Jephtha Harrison to join the Presbytery of Lexington, Va.—that they have licensed Alexander R. Banks, John Douglas, and Wm. A. Gray, that they have received Jas. H. Thomwell, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Harmony, and ordained and installed him Pastor of the Congregation at Lancasterville.

From Flint River Presbytery in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the Stated Clerk, there was no report.

The narratives from the several Presbyteries were read and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

A Committee, consisting of E. White and Mr. Brearly, were appointed to inquire and report in the case of certain Ministers who had been dismissed from one Presbytery to join another, but whose names do not appear on the records of the Presbytery which they were dismissed to join.

Synod then took up the case of reference from the presbytery of Bethel, when Rev. A. Williams was heard on the part of complainants, and the Rev. J. L. Davis, in his own defence. When the case was fully heard, Synod decided on the question to sustain or not to sustain, that the complaint be not sustained, and that the case be dismissed.

Rev. Jas. C. Patterson, and Rev. S. B. Lewers appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for their delay.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, which were ordered to be placed upon the docket.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was to hear the report of the Standing Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored Population.

The Report was read by the Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Jones, and accepted, and made the order of the day for Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Committees on Presbyterial Records reported verbally as follows, viz :

On the Records of South Carolina Presbytery, the Committee reported, that they had examined the book, and it in good order, and recommended that it be approved to page 75, which was adopted.

On the Minutes of Bethel Presbytery, the Committee reported that they had examined the book, and with the exception of abbreviations made by the Clerk, commended that the book be approved, which was adopted.

On the Minutes of Flint River Presbytery, the Committee reported, that the book had not been put into their hands. Their report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The other Committees were not prepared to report, and were continued.

The Committee appointed to report on the best means of accomplishing the object of Overture No. 2, commended the adoption of the following minute.



"Whereas, it is exceedingly important that our Churches and Elders should be thoroughly acquainted with the doctrines and discipline of our Church, and that our peculiarities as a denomination should be known and defended in the presence of the adverse influences with which we are surrounded, and whereas the publications of the Presbyterian Tract and Sunday School Society, organized by the Synod of Philadelphia, appear to this Synod well suited to subserve these purposes, Therefore

*Resolved*, That Rev. I. W. Waddel, and Dr. J. H. Livingston of the South Carolina Presbytery, Rev. S. J. Cassels, and Col. Joseph Robinson, of Hopewell Presbytery, Rev. J. Witherspoon, and C. J. Shannon of Harmony Presbytery, Rev. T. Smith, and T. H. Vardell, of Charleston Union Presbytery, Rev. H. S. Pratt, of Georgia Presbytery, and J. C. Patterson, and D. G. Worsham of Flint River Presbytery, be a Committee to present these Tracts, particularly No. 1, 2, and 3, to their respective Presbyteries, and that the members of this Committee be requested by this Synod to secure a general distribution of these Tracts among all the families connected with our congregations."

The Report was adopted.

Synod then had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

### *Three o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met and proceeded to nominate as members of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary Ministers and Laymen in the place of those whose term of office expires at the present meeting of Synod. The nomination having been finished, a list of the persons nominated was directed to be placed upon the door, and it was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to go into the election of 6 Ministers and 4 Laymen from the list of those nominated.

The following preamble and resolution was then offered and adopted:

“Whereas this Synod has heard with great satisfaction that the Presbytery of Hopewell has resolved to effect the establishment of a Presbyterian College to be located at Midway, Georgia, and called Oglethorpe University,

*Resolved*, That this body cordially approve this design, and specially commend the projected institution to the support and patronage of all our Churches.”

Synod proceeded to nominate individuals as members of the Southern Board, in the place of those whose term of office expires at the present meeting of Synod; and it was made the order of the day to go into an election on Monday morning, immediately after the election of the Board of Directors of the Seminary.

Rev. Mr. Peden and Rev. Mr. Reid obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Overture No. 4 was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

*Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to all their Presbyteries, and enjoin upon their Ministers to deliver to the people of their respective charge or charges, a course of Lectures, on the shorter or larger Catechisms of our Church.

*Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to its Ministers and Elders, the introduction to their Sabbath Schools, of the Shorter Catechism, as a part of the regular instruction, and that for this purpose the Key to the Shorter Catechism, containing illustrations, proofs, doctrines deduced, questions and helps be employed.

*Resolved*, That this Synod do again earnestly recommend to all heads of families, to resume, if they have neglected, and continue, if they have followed, the good old custom of the Fathers of our Church, regularly and at set times to instruct their children and dependents, in the doctrines contained in the Shorter Catechism.

Overture No. 5, was taken up, and committed to Dr. Leland and Mr. Egerton.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, having obtained leave to retire, Rev. R. W. Baily, was appointed to perform the duties of the Temporary Clerk, in the absence of the Board.

Overture No. 9 was taken up and adopted in the following words, viz :

*Resolved*, That this Synod would urge upon all their Ministers and Churches, immediate attention to the condition of the Eldership, to take steps that their number may be increased when they are wanting, that they may be duly acquainted with the duties of their office, and that they enter with more fidelity upon those duties of instruction, visitation, and active devotedness which our constitution requires.

The Committee to examine the Records of Charleston Union and Hopewell Presbyteries, recommend that their respective records be approved, and their reports were adopted.

On leave of Synod the following resolution was introduced by Mr. Patterson of Flint River Presbytery.

*Resolved*, That the General Assembly at its next meeting be requested to divide the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, into two Synods—the one to be composed of the Presbyteries in South Carolina, and to be bounded by the limits, and to be called the Synod of South Carolina, and the other to be composed of the Presbyteries in Georgia and East Florida, and to be bounded by the limits of Georgia and East Florida, and to be called the Synod of Georgia.

The resolution was considered and decided in the negative.

Synod then adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

*Monday Morning, Nov. 16—9 o'clock.*

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

It was reported that two of our members, viz. D. Frierson and S. Scott, had left on Sabbath morning for their respective homes, whereupon it was ordered that the

Stated Clerk write to the respective sessions of the Churches to which these Elders belong, informing them that they had withdrawn without leave, and that they had left Columbia on Sabbath morning; and enjoining upon these Sessions to investigate the case, and send up their decision on it to the Presbytery to which they belong.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

*Resolved*, That the election of a third Professor in the Theological Seminary under the care of this Synod to be denominated the Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, be the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Resolved*, further, That a Committee of nomination consisting of seven Ministers and six Elders, be now appointed for the purpose of presenting to the consideration of Synod, the names of suitable candidates for said Professorship, it being understood that any member of the Synod may add the name of any other Candidate after the Committee shall have made their report.

*Resolved*, further, That when the nomination shall have closed, the roll shall be called that every member in his place may express his opinion of the merits of the several Candidates—after which, the Synod will proceed to ballot for a Professor when the person having a majority of all the votes in Synod shall be declared duly elected.

This Committee consisted of Rev. Messrs. Cater, J. B. Davies, J. Cousar, S. S. Davis, H. S. Pratt, T. F. Scott, and B. Gildersleeve; and Elders, Jos. N. Whitner, S. Rockwell, T. R. Vardell, J. K. Douglass, R. Miller, and G. T. Snowden.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was taken up, viz. the election of Directors for the Theological Seminary to fill the vacancies occurring by expiration of office. The ballots were collected and committed to Messrs. I. W. Waddel, and S. K. Talmage, to count and report the names of the persons elected.

The election of members of the Southern Board of Missions to fill vacancies occurring by expiration of office, was taken up in order—the ballots collected, and committed to Messrs. C. W. Howard, and R. S. Gladney to count and report.

*Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Milledgeville, on the 4th Thursday in November 1836, at half past 6 o'clock P. M.

The Committee to nominate a suitable Candidate to fill the vacant Professorship reported that they had agreed to nominate the Rev. C. C. Jones. The Synod was called upon for further nominations, when the Rev. S. P. Pressly was nominated, and it was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon to proceed to the election.

The Committee appointed to count the votes, and declare the result of the election for Directors of the Seminary, for the three ensuing years, reported that the following persons had received the largest number of votes, and were therefore elected, viz :

**MINISTERS.**—M. Waddel, D. D., John Cousar, Elipha White, John Witherspoon, S. J. Cassels, Nathan Hoyt. **LAYMEN.**—William Dearing, B. E. Hand, Thos. Legare, Jos. H. Lumpkin.

The Committee to count the votes for members for the Southern Board of Missions, in the place of those whose term of office expires with this meeting of Synod, reported the election of the following individuals, viz.

*In South Carolina.*—**MINISTERS.**—Rev. Jno. Witherspoon, Rev. Professor Howe. **ELDERS.**—Gen. J. N. Whitner, Dr. Nathaniel Harris.

*In Georgia.*—**MINISTERS.**—A. Church, D. D., Thos. Goulding, D. D. **ELDERS.**—J. Cunningham, Bayard E. Hand.

The Statistical Report from the Flint River Presbytery was presented and read, and from which it appears that they consist of thirteen Ministers, and have under their care three Licentiates, three Candidates for the Ministry, and twenty-five Churches, and that in the



Churches there are ninety-six Ruling Elders. That they have received from the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia Mr. James Stratton, and ordained him as an Evangelist. That they have divided Zebulon Church, and constituted a new Church called *Friendship*.— That they have received from the Presbytery of Harmony the Rev. Thomas Goulding, D. D.; from the Presbytery of Hopewell, Rev. A. M. Mooney; and from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, Rev. John Warrnock, and that they have a Manual Labor School under their care.

The Narrative from Flint River Presbytery was also presented and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures No. 10 and 11, which were ordered to be put upon the docket.

Overture No. 10th was taken up and adopted and is as follows :

Whereas the permanence and enlargement of the operations of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions depend essentially upon annual exertions in all the Churches in its behalf; in conformity to the recommendations of Synod, we the Ministers and Elders present, do pledge ourselves individually to bring this subject before our respective Churches, and make an effort to obtain funds for the Board, either by collections or subscriptions previously to the next meeting of Synod.

Overture No. 6, was taken up and adopted and is as follows, viz :

*Resolved*, That Statistical Reports and Narratives on the State of religion from Presbyteries be the order of the day as the first business on the second day of the session of Synod, and that this be a standing rule.

Overture No. 7, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of Synod, it is proper that Presbyteries in their Narratives of the State of Religion in their bounds, report as near as practicable the state of religion in their individual Churches.

Overture No. 8, was taken up and adopted and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Clerks of Presbyteries be requested to furnish the Synod at its opening, a complete list of their number, from which the Synodical roll shall be made out.

Synod proceeded to the order of the day, which was to take up the Report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored Population, when after discussion the subject was indefinitely postponed.

A Committee consisting of C. C. Jones, Dr. Waddel, and T. R. Vardell, were appointed to bring in a minute, expressive of the feelings of Synod on this subject.

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock.

*Three o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presented their minutes, as their report in part, which were read and accepted.

Synod then proceeded to the order of the day, viz. to elect a Professor of Church History and Polity.—The roll being called to give every member an opportunity of expressing his sentiments in reference to the candidates—when after having engaged in prayer, the vote was taken by ballot and Mr. Bailey and J. L. R. Davies were appointed a Committee to receive and count the votes, and declare the result.

Mr. Talmage obtained leave to introduce the following resolutions which were read and adopted.

Whereas, having heard with high satisfaction that the American Bible Society have determined, in reliance on the blessing of God, to “furnish as soon as practicable, a copy of the Bible or New Testament to every child in the United States, under fifteen years of age who is able to read and is destitute of the sacred Volume.” Also, that that Society in view of the divine promise, as to the ultimate spread of the Gospel over the earth;

of the signal success of the Bible cause during the present century ; and of the numerous translations of the Scriptures already made ; of the establishment of able and faithful Missionaries in almost every Pagan and Mohammedan country, and of the wide extent of commerce and international communication, resolved to “ employ our best endeavors in concert with similar Institutions, towards, effecting the distribution of the Bible among all the accessible population of the globe, within the shortest practicable period.”

Therefore *Resolved*, That this Synod do most cordially approve of those important measures, of the American Bible Society, and do hereby earnestly commend them to the prayers and co-operation of all the friends of the Bible within its bounds.

*Resolved*, That the Synod believe that there is a large number of families in the State of South Carolina and Georgia, destitute of the word of life, and deem it exceedingly important that speedy and vigorous efforts be made to supply this destitution as soon and as thoroughly as practicable.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the confidence and co-operation of the Churches the Rev. Francis Bowman of Virginia, who is employed as an agent for the prosecution of the object above stated.

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery and of Georgia Presbytery, presented their respective reports and recommended that the Records be approved. Their Reports were adopted.

Rev. Mr. Cassels obtained leave to introduce the following resolutions which were adopted.

*Resolved*, That all the Pastors and Ministers within our bounds be requested to make special prayer in their congregations on every Sabbath forenoon, in behalf of our Theological Seminary, that the labors of the Professors may be blessed, the number and piety of the students increased, and its entire interests enlarged and promoted.

*Resolved, 2dly*, That the Editors of the Charleston Observer and Southern Christian Herald be solicited to

give the above three distinct insertions in their papers.

The Committee appointed to receive and count the votes for Professor of Church History and Polity, reported that the Rev. C. C. Jones received thirty-nine votes and Mr. Pressley twenty-nine; and that Mr. Jones was therefore duly elected.

Whereupon Rev. Messrs. White and Pratt were appointed a Committee to communicate the information to Mr. Jones, and to ascertain whether he is now prepared to signify his acceptance of the office to which he has been elected.

By a vote of Synod the salary affixed to this Professorship is \$1500 per annum.

Rev. Dr. Waddel, E. Hopkins, C. W. Howard, Col. Rockwell, Rt. Lusk, Wm. T. Wilson, Jas. McCright, Jas. C. Coit, Wm. Harris, and Washington Dunlap, obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.  
Concluded with prayer.

### *Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock.*

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on the Narrative presented their report which was read, accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Editors of the Charleston Observer and Christian Herald for publication.

## **NARRATIVE.**

The State of Religion in our Churches, is a subject of deep interest to the Ministry, and to all who love Zion. In it we see the results of our labors, and the world lying in wickedness learns the value of Christian morality.

The state of religion in a Church is to be measured, not so much by its numerical changes as by its steadfastness in the faith, its purity, peace, activity, and influence. The additions of our Churches during the

past Synodical year have been few in number, while death has prosecuted his work with more than common fatality. Several interesting revivals, however, are reported by the Presbyteries of Charleston Union, Harmony, Flint River, Hopewell, and Georgia, which have resulted in additions greater or less, to the Churches in Charleston, Cheraw, Zebulon, Lawrenceville, Decatur, St. Mary's, and Athens. Additions are also reported to the Churches of Midway, Greenville, Hopewell, Fairview, Carmel, Sandy Spring in South Carolina Presbytery.

In purity of doctrine, we have just cause, it is believed, to regard this Synod and the Churches under its care as holding elevated ground. Amid the agitations which have lately convulsed the Presbyterian Church, we have preserved a degree of harmony and mutual confidence, which furnish the best evidence of our union in sentiment, while we experience also, not less than other portions of our Zion, one of the happy results of these convulsions in the clearer views of truth, and a deeper sense of its value, as defined in our own excellent standards. We are happy in the belief that distrust and crimination is every where giving way to mutual confidence and love, and that the whole Presbyterian Church will hereafter be more presbyterian by a stricter maintenance of her doctrines leading to a holier practice according to the Gospel.

The Westminster Assembly's Catechism, which has been too much excluded from our Sabbath Schools on the principle of compromise with other denominations, has been, we hope more generally resumed in family instruction, and our Book of Faith and Discipline is finding a wide circulation and diligent perusal in all presbyterian families.

Sabbath Schools are generally well supported and prosperous in all our congregations. We exhort our Churches to perseverance and activity in this great field of labor. The spring time of life opens to the teacher the fountains of influence. The deposit here made mingles with that stream which flows on in an endless



current, exerting its appropriate influence on that current not only in this life but marking its track through eternity. We say then to Christian parents as well as to Sabbath School Teachers, ply diligently thy hand of culture, and sow in the minds of your children and youth the seeds of light and knowledge, which are the doctrines of the Bible, and which, quickened by the Divine Spirit, may yield fruit unto eternal life.

Among the causes productive to the Church's steadfastness in the faith may be recorded a stated Ministry. On this subject we regret that our statistical reports show but little improvement. The number of our Ministers is but little more than half the number of our Churches, and of those Ministers not one-fifth sustain any pastoral relation. In this respect our grand theory of a permanent Ministry composed of installed Pastors is almost an entire failure. The evils of this state of things are many and grievous. The proper influence of the Ministry is greatly diminished; the Churches are weakened and unstable; grievous wolves entering in devour the flock, all for the want of a proper vigilance and prompt discipline.

On this subject the Ministry feels deeply, but we must speak out and our Churches must feel too, and then the evil will be in a great measure corrected. We cannot create Ministers for our destitute Churches. But we do not hesitate to say, that we have a hundred Churches which could call and support in the pastoral office the hundred Ministers which we have. To accomplish this, it only needs that our Churches should duly consider the matter, and appreciate the advantages of a Ministry of Pastors. They will be rich enough and liberal enough to support a permanent Ministry when they feel the importance of it. Besides, a congregation, which supports, and supports well a stated Pastor, will be richer as well as happier than it can be without one. The support of a stated Ministry is pecuniary economy.

Another evil proper to be brought to the view of our Churches in this connection as deeply affecting the

state of religion among us, is a failure on their part to give the Ministry an adequate support. Many of our ministers are obliged to devote a part or the whole of their time to teaching, or farming, or some other secular employment to procure a support for their families. They must of course come into the pulpit on the Sabbath from the school room, with their minds worn down by the labors of the week, their tempers disturbed, their spirits oppressed, or from the farm with all the plans of business in their minds, like disturbing forces to distract them, and diminish their power. In addition to all this, he cannot preach as a man ought to preach, for he is not prepared. Then he has performed no pastoral duty through the week, or if he has visited his people, it has been to strike a bargain, and not to save a soul from death. Can it be surprising that such a Ministry should not be attended with success?

But if a secular employment is not resorted to, there is another, not much less injurious and subversive of ministerial influence and efficiency—that of uniting several Churches under one charge. By this the attention of the Minister is distracted, his efforts weakened by the extent of surface on which he acts, he often spends much of his time on the road in passing to different and sometimes distant congregations, and the people thereby lose many of the benefits of pastoral labors. One congregation is enough for the charge of one Minister, to which he should give his undivided labors. We say, therefore, distinctly to our Churches, the great reason why you have not a better Ministry is in your own hands, and can be corrected only here. Support the Ministry in the relation of pastors to the Churches, and they will be more efficient men, and the Churches will become strong and healthful under their Ministry.

It is a healthful state of religion in the Church which must prepare it for efficiency and usefulness in the sphere of its influence. Without this principle of action, which lies in an intelligent sense of religious obli-

gation and discriminating views of duty, there can be no consistent well directed, persevering and efficient effort in the Church.

In the great cause of Christian benevolence, our Church is well known and her influence distinctly felt within the bounds of this Synod. The *Missionary Societies*, both Foreign and Domestic, the *Bible Society*, *Sunday School*, the *Education and Temperance Societies*, all share deeply in the cordial support of the Presbyterian Church. In regard to most of these noble objects however, there is still room for improvement and a call for greater effort. The *Temperance cause* through the influence of misguided zealots, and from the other more local sources of hindrance within ourselves, has in many places become stationary.— But commended as it is by sound policy, philanthropy and Christian love to the approbation of every citizen and every lover of his race, we believe it has too firm a hold on the public feeling to be seriously retarded either by opposition of enemies or imprudence of its friends. The *Sunday School cause* in the hands of our Churches is supported with energy and success.— *The education* of poor and pious young men for the Gospel Ministry commends itself to the cordial support of our members, and they appear ready to answer any reasonable call on this subject. Measures we hope are in progress to realize to our Churches their just expectations, and open a full channel for the flow of their liberal charities toward this important object of Christian duty.

The *distribution of the Bible* among our own population still engages the attention of local Societies, and we believe there is not a dearth of the written word of God among us. Our Churches, it is believed, have done well in the answers given to all calls to aid the American Bible Society in her noble enterprise to plant the word of life in every family of the world's population. The subject of *Domestic Missions* is awakening a deeper interest in many sections of our Synod; and some of our Presbyteries are successfully engaged

furnishing candidates and the necessary aid to feeble Churches for the support of a stated Ministry. The plan proposed by the Assembly's Board of Missions is wise and efficient, and if acted on will have a great influence to correct many of the evils of which we now complain. The plan contemplates the permanent settlement and support of a Ministry. Feeble Churches are therefore encouraged by the aid necessary to support a Minister among them, whose labors are expected to strengthen the Church until they can take his support entirely into their own hands. The plan has succeeded well, and only needs to be diligently prosecuted to ensure complete success. The subject of *Foreign Missions* is entertained by our Churches with the warmest approbation. It kindles in the soul; and has already extended the warm hand of Christian charity to Africa, to Western and Eastern Asia, to Syria and the Holy Land, to Pagans, Mohammedans, and the Aborigines of our own country. Under the efficient agency of the Southern Board, we can safely confide it for the future without one word of exhortation, which at the present crisis might imply distrust. In the efficient support of all these objects of Christian benevolence, our *Theological Seminary* now prosperous will have its prosperity ensured. Our Sunday Schools are the early nurseries of its now infant sons. The Temperance Society is a beacon light streaking the whole path way to manhood, and protecting the children of the Church from exposure to every other vice. The Education Society takes them by the hand and leads them on when oppressed or retarded by poverty, and when they come forth from the training of our Theological Seminary, our Missionary Societies introduce them to the desolate places of the Church at home, or the habitations of cruelty abroad, and the great work is carried forward to its completion.

On the whole, we feel that we have cause for congratulation and encouragement in a review of the attitude now sustained by our beloved church, and the influence she exerts in the great cause of Christian effort

and duty. The excitements, which, in almost every direction, have led to ultra doctrines and ultra measures on almost every subject, have been less felt among us in all their blasting influence than we had every reason to fear, and this Synod presents an almost unbroken column in all its measures and efforts to carry forward every plan of reform. Even the religious instruction of our slave population, entirely suspended in some parts of the country through the lamented interference of the abolition fanatics, has proceeded with almost unabated diligence and steadiness of purpose, through the length and breadth of our Synod.

What better criterion can we bring to the test of the true church, than the influence which that church exerts on the world in the practical exposition of her doctrines? The religion of Christ must form a Church steadfast in the faith, pure, peaceful, active and efficient. It will prompt that church to deeds of benevolence by prudent and efficient means, and the field of its action will be the world. Without boasting and without affectation, we claim for our Church the character of steadfastness in her faith. Amid conflicts of opinion, and a jealousy of insidious error, she is, with uncommon unity of sentiment, intelligently devoted to her acknowledged standards. And without invidious comparisons, but on the contrary with deep humility under a conviction of great deficiency—we still find in the influence exerted by her faith on the purity, zeal, peace, and efficient action of the Church, causes for gratitude, which should attach every Presbyterian with warm and affectionate choice to his own communion.

The stated Clerk's salary of the Synod being called for,

Presbytery of Hopewell paid,	\$10 00
Harmony,	10 00
Charleston Union	10 00
Georgia,	5 00
Bethel,	5 00
Flint River,	5 00



The Committee on the 5th Overture presented their report, which was read ; and after full discussion, it was adopted and is as follows, viz :

“ As it appears to this Synod that the indifference manifested by Christian parents as to the moral and religious character of the Teachers to whom they intrust their children, is highly inconsistent with their covenant obligation, Therefore

“ *Resolved*, That it is our decided opinion that it is the bounden duty of all our members to commit the education of their children only to those instructors whose moral sentiments, example, and religious instructions are such as conscientious Protestant Christians can approve.”

The Committee who were appointed to inform Mr. Jones of his election as Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, reported that Mr. Jones was present, and would communicate his answer in person, Whereupon

Mr. Jones addressed the Synod, and informed them that he would take the appointment into prayerful consideration, and give an early answer to the Directors of the Seminary.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of certain members dismissed from one Presbytery to join another, reported, that they are still members of the Presbyteries from which they were dismissed, according to the Constitution, Chap. 10th, Sec. 2d,

Overture No. 11 was taken up and is as follows :

“ *Bethel Presbytery, Brick Church, Nov. 4.*”

“ This Presbytery at a late session proposed the annexed resolution, viz :

“ That this Presbytery apply at the ensuing sessions of Synod for leave to unite with the Presbyteries of Concord and Morganton, in making application to the next General Assembly, or as soon as practicable, to be created into a new Synod.

“ In accordance with the above resolution application is thus made that the consent of this Synod may

be obtained. Submitted in behalf of the Presbytery, and by order.

JOHN B. DAVIES, S. C.'

The Overture was discussed ; and leave was granted to the Bethel Presbytery, in accordance with their application.

The Moderator laid before Synod the following Resolutions adopted by the Harmony Presbytery.

*" Harmony Presbytery, Camden, S. C. Nov. 9.*

" On motion *Resolved*, That the following be laid before the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia at their ensuing session at Columbia, as expressive of the sentiments of this Presbytery with regard to the Theological Seminary at Columbia, under the care of our Synod.

" Whereas rumors have come to the ears of this Presbytery, that the Professors in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, under the care of our Synod, are suspected of unsoundness in the faith, and a want of attachment to the standards and interests of the Presbyterian Church. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1, That in the opinion of this Presbytery, within the bounds of which said Seminary is located, and with the Professors of which this body is intimately acquainted, these suspicions, we firmly believe, to be utterly without foundation, and the charges whenever and by whomsoever made, to be false, and calculated to deeply wound and injure our beloved Zion, in her dearest, and most tender, and important interests.

*Resolved 2dly*, That this Presbytery do hereby express their unabated confidence in the Professors in our Seminary, both in regard to their qualifications for their important stations, and the manner in which they have continued to discharge the duties of their office.

*Resolved 3dly*, That the young candidates for the Holy Ministry, sent forth from under the training of our beloved Professors, to preach the everlasting Gospel, under the authority of our different Presbyteries as probationers for the Ministry, do afford to the Churches within the bounds of Synod, the *fullest, clearest*, most

satisfactory and cheering evidence of the orthodoxy and fidelity of their esteemed instructors.

*Resolved 4thly*, That this Presbytery, expressing, as in the presence of the Great Head of the Church, the Searcher of Hearts, their confidence in the Theological Seminary to the Churches under our care, do pledge themselves, and recommend the same to our Churches, to make every effort in our power, to sustain and build it up."

The Rev. E. T. Buist then offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That this Synod fully and cordially concur with the views and feelings expressed by the Harmony Presbytery, in relation to our Theological Seminary, its Professors and Students, and will publish the same to all the Churches within our bounds.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presented their report in full, which was accepted.

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon all our churches to take up a collection on the second Sabbath in January, for the contingent fund of the Seminary.

*Resolved*, That the Minutes of last year and of this year be published in pamphlet form, and that 500 copies be printed.

Leave was granted to the Editors of the Charleston Observer and Christian Herald to print the Minutes, or extracts from the Minutes in their respective papers.

Messrs. Gildersleeve, Mitchell, and E. T. Buist were appointed a Committee of publication.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Columbia, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this body, during its present sessions. That Dr. Leland be requested to communicate this resolution from the pulpit—and that the Editor of the Christian Herald be also requested to publish it in his paper.

Adjourned to meet at Milledgeville on the 4th Thursday of November 1836, at half past 6 o'clock, P. M.  
Concluded with prayer and the benediction.

JOHN WITHERSPOON, *Moderator*.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Temp. Clerk*.

## APPENDIX No. I.

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AT ITS LATE MEETING IN AUGUSTA, DEC. 1834.

*Resolved*, That there shall be two vacations in the Seminary the ensuing year—The 1st to commence on the 2d Thursday of July, and continue ten weeks ; and the 2d to commence on the 20th of December, and continue two weeks.

*Resolved*, That the Inauguration of Dr. Leland as Professor of Christian Theology, take place in Columbia on the 3d Thursday in February 1835—That Dr. Waddel preside and give the charge to the Professor, and that Mr. Witherspoon be his alternate. That Mr. Smith preach the Sermon, and that Mr. Talmage be his alternate.

Rev. H. S. Pratt, was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Board, Professors and Students, at the next meeting of Synod, and Mr. Jones his alternate.

*Resolved*, That Professor Howe, be appointed, in conjunction with the Rev. Dr. McDowell, as agent to complete the subscription for a Professorship at the North, during the next vacation in the Seminary, and that their expenses be defrayed while actually engaged in their agency—

———— That Rev. R. W. James be appointed Agent for South Carolina, and that his pulpit be supplied and his expenses defrayed during his agency—

—— That the Rev. S. S. Davis be appointed Agent to complete the Georgia Professorship, and that his expenses also, be defrayed.

—— And that the Agency of the Rev. E. White be continued.

*Resolved*, That the Librarian and all the Agents of the Seminary be authorized to make collections for the Library in money and in Books, and that they be charged to keep this object in view when pursuing their agencies.

The Board appointed the following individuals as Investing Committees, (viz.)—For South Carolina, James Adger, G. T. Snowden, and D. Ewart, Esqr's; and for Georgia, Rt. Campbell, Wm. Dearing, and B. E. Hand, Esqr's.

#### PROFESSORS.

Rev. THOS. GOULDING, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.\*

Rev. GEORGE HOWE, Professor of Biblical Literature.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D. Professor of Christian Theology.

#### *Officers of the Board.*

Rev. B. M. PALMER, D. D. President.

RT. CUNNINGHAM, Esq. Vice-President,

Rev. B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.

WM. LAW, Esq. Columbia, Treasurer.

#### DIRECTORS

*For the three ensuing years.*

MINISTERS.—B. M. Palmer, D. D.; W. A. McDowell, D. D.; Alonzo Church, D. D.; Samuel S. Davis, B. Gildersleeve, Thomas Smith.

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\* This Chair becomes vacant on the first of January next, by the resignation of Dr. Goulding.



**LAYMEN.**—David Ewart, of Columbia ; Dr. Thomas Wells, of do. ; J. K. Douglass, of Camden ; Barrington King, of McIntosh, Ga.

*For two years.*

**MINISTERS.**—H. S. Pratt, R. W. James, J. B. Davies, S. K. Talmage, R. Means, C. C. Jones.

**LAYMEN**—G. T. Snowden, Columbia ; J. Cumming, Savannah ; Rt. Cunningham, Laurens, S. C. ; T. R. Vardell, Charleston.

*For one year.*

**MINISTERS**—M. Waddel, D. D., J. Cousar, E. White, N. Hoyt, S. J. Cassels, Jno. Witherspoon.

**LAYMEN**—Thos. Legare, Charleston ; Joseph H. Lumpkin, Lexington, Ga. ; Wm. Dearing, Athens, Ga. B. E. Hand, Savannah.

## REPORT

### *Of the Professors of the Theological Seminary.*

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of South Carolina and Georgia—the Professors beg leave respectfully to report, that during the current year there have been twenty three Students under their care : viz.

### *In the Senior Class :*

ISAAC STOCKTON KEITH AXSON, Graduate of Charleston College.

ALBERT M. EGERTON, Graduate of Dartmouth College.

MALCOM D. FRASER, Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

SAMUEL J. DU BOSE, Graduate of South Carolina College.

ISAAC STOCKTON KEITH LEGARE, Graduate of Yale College.

ANDREW G. PEDEN, Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

GEORGE H. W. PETRIE, Graduate of Charleston College.

*In the Middle Class :*

ALEXANDER R. BANKS, Candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

JOHN B. CASSELS, Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

WILLIAM C. DANA, Graduate of Dartmouth College.

JOHN DOUGLASS, Graduate of the College of South Carolina.

WILLIAM A. GRAY, Candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

RICHARD HOOKER, Graduate of Yale College.

THOMAS MAGRUDER, do. of Franklin College.

JOHN B. MALLARD, do. do.

T. F. MONTGOMERY, do. do.

CHARLES B. PELTON, M. D. of Charleston M. College.

*And in the Junior Class :*

JAMES C. COZBY, Graduate of Franklin College.

ANGUS JOHNSON, of Cheraw.

THOMAS HOBBY, of Augusta, Ga.

R. COLDEN KETCHUM, Graduate of Franklin College.

THOMAS H. LEGARE, of Charleston.

EDWARD McQUEEN, Graduate of the College of S. Carolina.

The Professors furthermore report, that the prescribed course of study has been prosecuted, by the several classes with reputable diligence and success ; and that the deportment of all the students has been consistent and exemplary.

Convinced by experience, that it is entirely impracticable, to continue the regular exercises of the Seminary throughout the sickly season, the Professors feel it their duty, earnestly to recommend to the Board, such vacations, as will allow a suspension of study, and the dispersion of the Students, during the hottest and sickliest portion of the year.

The Professors also feel constrained to solicit such a positive regulation of the Board, as will entirely prevent the members of the Senior Class from obtaining leave of absence, during term time, to supply vacant Churches. All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS GOULDING, }  
 GEORGE HOWE, } *Professors.*  
 A. W. LELAND. }

*Theological Seminary, Columbia, Dec, 1, 1834.*

## APPENDIX, II.

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### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD.

*December, 1835.*

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

*Ministers.*—M. Waddel, D. D., John Cousar, E. White, Nathan Hoyt, S. J. Cassels, John Witherspoon, B. M. Palmer, D. D., Wm. A. McDowell, D. D., S. S. Davis, Thos. Smith, H. S. Pratt, R. W. James, S. K. Talmage, J. B. Davies, Robt. Means, C. C. Jones.

*Laymen.*—Thos. Legare, Wm. Dearing, Jos. H. Lumpkin, B. E. Hand, Jas. K. Douglass, Barrington King, David Ewart, Dr. Thomas Wells, G. T. Snowden, Joseph Cumming, Rt. Cunningham, T. R. Vardell.

#### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

THOS. LEGARE, President.

Rev. S. S. DAVIS, Vice-President.

WM. LAW, Esq. (Columbia,) Treasurer.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.

#### PROFESSORS.

Rev. GEORGE HOWE, Professor of Biblical Literature.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D. Professor of Christian Theology.

Rev. C. COLCOCK JONES, Professor (elect) of Church History and Polity.

To give a view of the state of the Institution, we avail ourselves of the Minutes of the Board to make the following

#### ABSTRACT :

*Extract from the Report of the Professors.*

“ TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Professors of the Theological Seminary beg leave to report that the whole number of Students who have been connected with the Seminary the last year, is twenty-one. Their names are as follows :

*In the Senior Class.*

ALEXANDER R. BANKS, of Fairfield District, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

JOHN B. CASSELS, of Liberty County, Ga., a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

WM. C. DANA, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and Licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

JOHN DOUGLASS, of Chester District, a graduate of South Carolina College, and Licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

WILLIAM A. GRAY, of Fairfield District, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

RICHARD HOOKER, of Springfield, Mass., a graduate of Yale College, and Licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

THOMAS MAGRUDER, of Columbia Co. Geo., a graduate of Franklin College, and Licentiate of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

T. F. MONTGOMERY, of De Kalb Co, Geo. a graduate of Franklin College, and Licentiate of the Presbytery of Flint River.

CHARLES B. PELTON, M. D. of Winnsborough, a graduate of the Medical College, Charleston, and Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

*In the Middle Class.*

JAMES C. COSBY, of Athens, Geo. a graduate of Franklin College, and Candidate of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

ANGUS JOHNSON, of Cheraw, a Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

R. COLDEN KETCHUM, of Augusta, Geo. a graduate of Franklin College, and Candidate of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

T. H. LEGARE, of Charleston, a Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

JOHN LEYBURN, of Lexington Va. a graduate of Nassau Hall.

D. McQUEEN, of Cheraw, a graduate of South Carolina College, and Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

*In the Junior Class.*

EDWIN CATER, of Pendleton, a graduate of Franklin College, and Candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

JAMES F. GIBERT, of Abbeville District, a graduate of Franklin College, and Candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

THOS. HOBBY, of Augusta, Georgia, a candidate of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

JAMES H. SAYE, of Gwinnett Co. Georgia, a graduate of Franklin College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Hopewell.



D. McNEIL TURNER, of Charleston, a graduate of the Charleston College, and Candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

JOHN WINN, of Liberty Co. Georgia, a graduate of Amherst College.

Three of this number were dismissed from the Institution at the close of the last term, Mr. Leyburn to join the Union Seminary in Virginia, to which he originally belonged, and Messrs. Hooker and Dana to join the Seminary at Princeton. The whole number now in connexion with our Institution is nineteen.

The Students have pursued the appointed studies with commendable diligence, and as far as the Professors have observed, have maintained an exemplary and Christian deportment. The regular exercises have continued as usual through the entire year, with the exception of those in the department of Biblical Literature, which have been suspended for the last seven weeks through the absence of their Professor."

#### LIBRARY.

From the Librarian's Report it appears that the whole number of books in the Library is 2425—Of these 438 have been presented by the kindness of friends, and 358 have been purchased with funds collected by the Professors. Ninety-eight volumes more are on their way from London, which, when received will make the total number of books 2533. Subscriptions to the Library for the year have amounted to \$1460, of which \$900 have been paid.

The Board have also made an appropriation of Fifteen Hundred Dollars for the purchase of such books as are immediately needed in the several departments of the Institution, and have appointed a Committee to attend to the purchase. They have also made arrangements for having a number of valuable pamphlets collected together and bound—and for improving the condition of the Library in other respects.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS.

Of these there are two, the Nephew and the Lanneau Scholarship. The Nephew Scholarship was founded by the late James Nephew of McIntosh Co. Ga., and amounts to \$2500. The Lanneau Scholarship was founded by the Rev. J. F. Lanneau, of Charleston, who has just gone as a Missionary to "Syria and the Holy Land." The value of this Professorship is about Three Thousand Dollars. The following Minute was made by the Board in reference to this donation.

"Whereas the Rev. J. F. Lanneau, of the Charleston Union Presbytery has executed a deed of gift to the Board, for fifty shares in the South Carolina Bank, the market value of which is more than Three Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of endowing a Scholarship in the Theological Seminary.

And whereas the said Rev. J. F. Lanneau has been moved to this act of benevolence by the deep interest which he has in the prosperity of the Southern Churches; and feeling himself called in the Providence and by the grace of God to devote his personal labors on Missionary ground among the distant heathen, and being desirous to be instrumental in supplying and more than supplying his absence, by raising up others to break the bread of life wherever the Church may demand their services, he has freely consecrated the amount above specified, for this object: Therefore,

*Resolved* 1, That this Board gratefully acknowledge the free will offering of the Rev. J. F. Lanneau, and in accordance with his desire as well as in memory of the Donor, will designate the Scholarship which he has founded, the Lanneau Scholarship.

*Resolved* 2, That this Board recognizing the commission of the risen Saviour to his disciples, in which he commanded them to "go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," rejoice in every suitable accession to the laborers in the Missionary field, and pray that the blessing of God may accompany their young brother, and that he may be instrumental in turning many from the service of dumb idols to the worship of the living God."

There is still another Scholarship founded; but as the proper vouchers are not in possession of the Board, they do not feel authorized to report it—though the avails of it have been given for several years to the Institution.

#### STATE OF THE FUNDS.

##### *Investments in South Carolina—Report of the Committee.*

126 Shares Commercial Bank Stock, all paid in full, and	
76 Shares, do. 10 per cent, paid in \$760,	\$6,920 00
9 Shares Charleston Bank, \$450 paid, worth,	720 00
100 Shares Bridge Stock, original cost —, now pays 7 per cent,	10,000 00
50 Shares Insurance Stock, Columbia,	5,000 00
25 Shares Rail Road Stock,	2,500 00
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	\$25,140 00

The Scrips for the above Stock are in the hands of Mr. Snowden and Mr. Law.

##### *Investments in Georgia—Report of Committee.*

Investment per statement of R. Campbell, 10th Nov. 1835.	\$7,015 00
Do. per statement of B. E. Hand, Nov. 1st, 1835,	7,000 00
In the hands of Mr. Dearing,	1,200 00
The Maybank Legacy,	5,000 00
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	20,215 00

*Cash.*

In the hands of G. T. Snowden, received from Messrs. Howe and Law,	\$786 33	
In hands of Tracy & Gould, Brokers, New York, deposited by Mr. Howe,	440 00	
In hands of do. do. deposited by Mr. Pratt,	900 00	
In hands of Mr. Davis,	348 25	
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		2,474 58
Probable amount to be collected on Mr James' subscription,		9,000 00
Due by the Church in Columbia, supposed		500 00
Two Scholarships, Nephew,	\$2,500 00	
Lanneau,	3,000 00	
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		5,500 00
Valuation of Seminary Buildings and grounds,		15,000 00
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		\$77,829 58

*Debts due.*

To Col. Blanding, monies advanced for the buildings,	\$1,904 58	
To Mrs. Hall, balance on the building,	6,092 22	
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		\$69,832 86
In the hands of Mr. Jas. Adger, Charleston,		\$213 36

In the above transcript, there is not taken into the account subscriptions to a considerable amount which are yet to be collected.

## INAUGURATION OF PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY.

*Friday Evening, 13th inst.*

The Board met for the inauguration of Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D. as Professor of Christian Theology in the Seminary of the Synod. The services were held in the Presbyterian Church, and in the presence of a large congregation—They consisted first, of an appropriate hymn; prayer by the Rev. Mr. Witherspoon—an address by the Rev. Thos. Smith, in which he took into view the advantages of knowledge to a Minister of the Gospel, the Scriptural authority on which Theological Seminaries were founded by a reference to the school of the Prophets under the Old Testament dispensation, and other proofs from the inspired records—traced their history from their origin, through the whole period in which Prophets and Apostles were the teachers of the will of God to men, down to the time of the Reformation in the 16th century; sustained the position that such Institutions indicated the state of religion in the church, that they flourished when vital intelligent piety prevailed, and declined or were discontinued in the dark ages of

the church; and concluded by pointing out the advantages of Theological Seminaries above other modes of acquiring a fitness for the whole work of the Ministry.

Mr. Gildersleeve, then, at the standing officer of the Board, inquired of Dr. Leland whether he accepted the office of Professor of Christian Theology, to which he had been elected in the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; and whether, in the presence of God and this Board, he was prepared solemnly to subscribe the Confession of Faith in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as a just summary of the doctrines contained in the Bible, and to promise and engage not to teach, directly or indirectly, any doctrine contrary to this belief while he continued a Professor in the Seminary?

These questions were answered in the affirmative; when Mr. Gildersleeve, in the name and by the authority of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod, solemnly inaugurated the Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D. Professor of Christian Theology, and concluded with the benediction.

The formula prescribed by the Constitution was then subscribed by Dr. Leland, and an appropriate charge to the Professor was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Witherspoon—and the exercises were concluded in the usual form.

#### AGENTS.

The Agents appointed by the Board, are Rev. John Witherspoon to visit the Churches of Alabama, and other South-western States; Rev. R. English for the State of South Carolina, Rev. E. White, and Rev. Thomas Smith for the Charleston Union Presbytery; Rev. S. S. Davis, for Hopewell Presbytery, B. E. Hand, Esq. and Rev. H. S. Pratt, for Georgia Presbytery; and Rev. Cortland Van Rensselaer, and Rev. C. C. Jones, for the Northern States.

#### INVESTING COMMITTEE.

*South Carolina.*—G. T. Snowden, James Adger, and David Ewart, Esqs.

*Georgia.*—Rt. Campbell, Wm. Dearing, and B. E. Hand, Esqs.

Resolutions were adopted, returning thanks to David Ewart, Esq. for his generous donation of Ten Thousand Dollars to the Seminary—to Col. A. Blanding for the services which he has rendered the Board—to Rev. Cortland Van Rensselaer for the voluntary aid which he has given to the Agents of the Board—to Rev. R. W. James, for his successful exertions as Agent for the Seminary during the last year, and to his Church for their voluntary relinquishment of a claim of Two Hundred Dollars, which they had upon the Board for their supply of their pulpit during the agency of their pastor.